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Dr Kissinger calls for US forces in Mid-East

Dr Kissinger said in Jerusalem yesterday that American air and naval forces and specialized ground units were urgently needed in the Middle East to counter the Soviet threat. Dismissing the recent EEC peace initiative as impracticable, he said he had no intention of meeting any Palestinians on this or other trips.

European initiative on Palestinians rejected

Dr Henry Kissinger, former Secretary of State. Middle East stage today with a scathing attack on the con-cept and content of the pro-posed European initiative for a comprehensive settlement in the region.

At a crowded press conferonce, which demonstrated local scepticism about the ostensibly "private" nature of his five-nation Middle East tour, Dr Kissinger also spoke of the urgent need to counter the Soviet threat by stepping up America's military presence in

the area. Considerable diplomatic attention was paid to his remarks, which were seen as the firmest indication yet of the Middle East policy to be pursued by Mr Ronald Reagan when he rakes over the Presidency of the United States on January

Although Dr Kissinger repeatedly referred to the non-official character of his tour, it is known that he will be reporting directly to senior figures in the new Administration on his return to Washington.

Referring to the proposed EEC initiative. Dr Kissinger criticized the idea of two separate approaches being adopted to the Middle East crisis. He said hat without prior coordination between Europe and America, there was a danger that both would be played off against each other by Israelis and

The former Secretary of State then attacked the specifics of the EEC plan, claiming premise that the setting up of a Palestinian state would lead the disappearance of the Middle East problem. This was ancorrect, because many aspects un, he problem were separable un he problem were supporta-lemin the Arab-Israeli negotia-

Kring the resentment Man both the Reagan and by a European Community to act on its own initiative in the Middle East, Dr Kissinger said : "I do not see how we can go on indefinitely insisting on united defence and separate foreign policies."

Looking unashamedly pleased to be back behind the micro-rhones, fielding a barrage of cuestions about the complex Fast Dr Kissinger then made his strongest statement in sup-port of an immediate steeping up of American military up of American strength in the region.

Soviet presence in Afghanistan, the presence of 18,000 Soviet-commanded Cubans in Ethiopia and a Moscow-backed Libyan

military operation in Chad. Although not naming specific locations (but ruling out the possibility of America taking over the Ezzion air base in occupied Sinai) Dr Kissinger said that a visible presence should be put into those faciliries on the perimeter of the Middle East already negotiated by the Carter Administration. He dismissed the usefulness of a rapid deployment force based 8,000 miles away".

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Dr Kissinger said that simlar views had already been put
forward by Mr Reagan and
added that he would be strongly supporting them" on his return to Washington. American observers took the remarks as an indication that significant changes in American military tactics would soon be

Ouestioned about possible Soviet reaction to such a build-up, Dr Kissinger claimed that Russia could not do more than had already been carried out in Afghanistan and elsewhere. "We cannot refrain from doing what is necessary because we are mesmerized by the illusion that the Russians can do anything they want, and

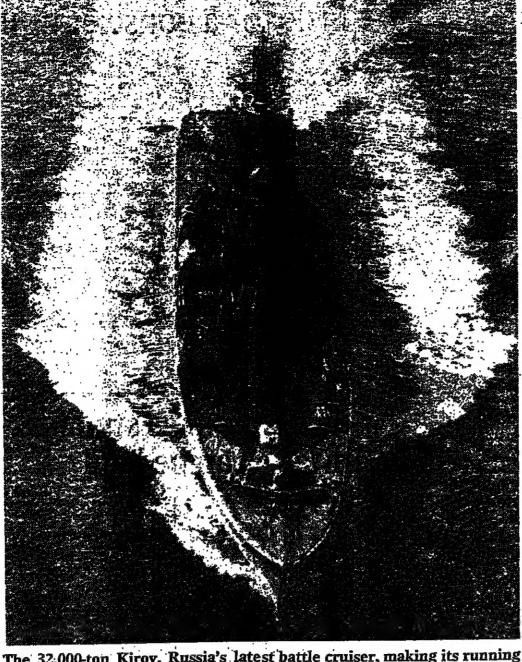
we can do nothing." Referring to the faltering Camp David peace process, Dr Rissinger admitted that he had modified his original emphasis on the sp-called. "Iordanian notion", but still spoke of the need to bring Jordan into the

His admission was evidence of President Sadat's success last week in pressing home his strong opposition to any early attempts - to bring King Husain of Jordan into the

peace talks.
"I have gained a clearer understanding than I had before of the role that Egypt feels it has the duty to play in the Palestinian autonomy talks",

r Kissinger said. Jewish settlements in the occupied territories, he said. would be both a problem in the autonomy talks and "a reajor obstacle" to achieve a comprehensive settlement.

He spoke of increased optimism that a successful conclu-sion to the Camp David process could be reached, but gave no substance for his claim. He said he had seen no Palestinians during his Middle East trip, and had no intention of seeing planning".



The 32,000-ton Kirov, Russia's latest battle cruiser, making its running trials in the Baltic Sea. The Kirov is the largest warship, apart from aircraft carriers, to be built by any country for 30 years.

Strike threat by water and sewerage staff as pay talks collapse

By David Felton

Britain faces a national strike by water and sewerage workers next month. Pay talks in London broke down yesterday after only

Union negoristors said they were "flabbergasted" by the employers' refusal to increase their 7.9 per cent pay offer, and they are to seek the backing of staff in the industry for strike

Mr Edmund Newall, national officer of the General and Municipal Workers Union and Municipal Workers bind and leader of the union negotiating ream, said: "I don't think we have ever been closer to a national strike."

national strike."

The four unions, representing 32,000 workers in England and Wales, will consult their members with a recommendation that "no further progress is possible by negotiation and that the only alternative is industrial action". The union negotiators will also recommend their executives to sanction a their executives to sauction a

Although employees in Scot-land and Northern Ireland are and and Northern freish are not covered by yesterday's abortive negotiations their pay agreements closely follow those made with the National Water Council, and union officials said that they expected water and sewerage workers through-out Britain to take action.

The Government has drawn up contingency plans for dealing with a water workers' strike, which could quickly have serious consequences, and Sir Robert Marshall, chairman of the National Water Council, said he had been examining the contingency council's

He said he could not discount the intervention of an "outside agency" if there was a strike,

and it is known that the Government's plans include the use of troops to maintain emergency supplies.

The unions arrived at yester day's talks expecting the council to improve its initial offer, made before Christmas, and they were genuinely supprised when told by Sir Robert that the 7.9 per cent offer would not be increased in any

circumstances. Mr Newall said : " All of us on the trade union side have been more than flabbergasted by this negative attitude the employers have adopted. It seems to us that they are seems to us that they are trying to provoke our member-ship into taking some form of extreme action. They want to see whether we are bluffing."

The enions believe the employees will support industrial action and they expect consultation to be completed by the end of this month. At a further meeting with the employers on February 3 the unions will relay the views of their memberships, but it was clear from Sir Robert's statements that even if there is a ments that even if there is a vote to strike, the offer will not be increased.

Judging by the entrenched positions of the two sides, relations in the industry could start to deteriorate quickly and there is a possibility that unofficial action could be started, particularly in some of the more militant areas in the north of England.

Mr Ronald Keating, assistant general secretary of the National Union of Public Employees, made clear that the unions would make industrial action as effective as possible. We are going to put the heat . We are not fighting with

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US space shuttle to test laser weapons

From Christopher Hanson Reuter Correspondent Washington, Jan 6

An early mission for the United States space shuttle will be testing an aiming device for a space-based laser weapon that could be used to destroy Soviet nuclear missiles, sources close to the project said roday.

Under a project code named "Talon Gold", the shuttle—a reusable space ship—will test a "pointing and tracking" system vital for the development of laser weapons in space.

The laser test is only one example of the military role for the shuttle, scheduled to make its first flight in March, informed congressional sources

The Defence Department wants to speed up research and development on space lasers Union is striving to perfect such weapous.

Congressional sources said President-elect Ronald Reagan's defence aides wanted even quicker deployment of the lasers. The sources said lasers appealed to Mr Reagan because they would give defence against a Soviet attack designed to knock out United States nuclear missiles before they set off President-elect Ronald Reagan's missiles before they get off the ground.

The ground.
Tests on a pointing and tracking system were vital, according to technical literature on the subject, because the space-based laser must be able to attack missiles bundreds or to attack missies distant. The laser ray would in theory bore a hole into a missile's hull, causing it to disintegrate in

flight. The Russians and the Americans are already testing laser weapons in the earth's atmosphere, according to government officials. But United States specialists were recently ordered to focus on laser de-

ployment in space.

Some defence analysts believe that later versions of the stubby-winged shuttle, roughly the size of a DC9 airliner, will be armed with laser weapons to enable them to attack satellites or to engage in space battle, The shuttle could also be

used to construct laser-armed space battle platforms to protect satellites from eaemy

The Pentagon denies that the shuttle would be used against Soviet satellites.

Some defence analysts are wortied that laser deployment

"Disloyalty—it is not a question of being disloyal to a Prime Minister. Cabinet government consists of coming to a "What you should never cois to say, "All right, I am going
along with it is decision inside
Cabinet, provided that outside
I can say that I do not agree".
"That is not Cabinet green. could result in an attack on a surveillance satellite being misread as the prelude to a nuclear missile attack and lead to an all-out nuclear war. That is not Cabinet govern-

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (Nasa officials are siso concerned that the military is anxious to wrest control of the shuttle from the civilian administration. strong criticism and that she might have dropped Mr Nor-man St John-Stevas because he had been outspoken, she said: Nasa sources said they were concerned at recent statements by defence officials criticizing Nasa for delays in the shuttle launch and suggestions that another government body should

them, they would not have been in the Cabinet, because we take over the shuttle. The first space shuttle was could never have got on. "Cabinet government conremoved from its storage han-gar last week and moved to a launch pad at Cape Canaveral, sists in discussion and deciding jointly the direction in which you should go.

"Every Prime Minister has to tolerate criticism. If you put yourself in the from line, you must expect to be shot at." She thought Mr Francis Pym.

Florida.

It is scheduled to blast into space with the aid of booster rockets, and reenter the earth's atmosphere piloted by astronauts who will laud it on a Continued on page 2, col 4 runway.

Factory price rises lowest since 1970s

By Melvyn Westlake

Further evidence of a sharp decline in the rate of inflation came yesterday with figures for December showing the smallest rise in the price of goods leav-ing Britain's factories than in any month since at least the middle 1970s.

A second boost for the Gov-ernment came with the Bank M3 rose about \ per cent in the December, banking month. This is one of the smallest rises seen last year and compares with an increase during the summer surge in money growth of 8 per cent in two months.

The only shadow over yesterday's otherwise good financial and economic news came with separate figures showing that the cost of industry's raw materials and fuel is now rising again after falling steadily for some months.

However, wholesale prices rose by just a 1 per cent in December, and by only 1 per cent in the last three months, according to figures published yesterday by the Department of Industry. The year-on-year increase also fell further, to stand at 122 per cent, compared with 133 per cent in November and a peak of over 19 per cent

Although factory-gate prices ate not a perfect guide to the future level of prices in the He claimed that American Reagan Cabinet-making, page 5 future level of prices in the shops—excluding for example, cialized ground units were Leading article, page 11 the profit margins of whole-

clearly illustrate the trend. Inflation, as measured by the

retail price index, has fallen much faster than had been expected and is now down to 15.3 per cent.

Many economists believe that the rise in the retail price index this year could be down to or England's provisional esti- will depend not only on the mates on money supply. These price of manufactured goods, but also on charges about the per committee but also on charges and the per committee but also on the per committee but also but also on the per committee but also but als but also on charges for ser-vices, housing, and the products of netionalized industries.

> that there is once again divergence between the cost of industry's raw materials and fuel and prices for finished goods at the factory gate. The input prices tend to fluctuate more widely than the output prices. They rose faster than output prices in 1979 and fell much faster in 1980, after hitting a peak year-on-year increase last March of almost 30 per cent.

> The main influences on the price of raw materials and fuels at the moment are changes in the value of the pound and the increase in crude oil prices. The price index for materials

> and fuel purchased by the manufacturing industry in December rose by 13 per cent. It was the largest monthly increase since March, and brought the year-on-year increase up to 9.7 per cent, compared with 9.3 per cent in November.

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Mrs Thatcher says Cabinet shuffle should bring a new dynamism

By George Clark Political Correspondent

While conceding that re-shuffling a Government is not a task that any Prime Minister relishes, Mrs Margaret Thatcher yesterday claimed that her changes, announced on Monday, were designed to give the Government "a new momentum, a new dynamism, which reaffirms the direction in which ve are guing

She said that her aim was to promote those ministers who had done well, but that meaut that some people must relinuish their portfolios. is the difficult part", she said. You really have to grit your teeth to do it, but you have to." One impelling factor was that in almost every interview she was asked when she was going to reshuffle the Cabinet. This induced great uncertainty in

"Better to get it over and do it", she told Judith Chalmers in an interview on the ITV programme After Noon Plus. Now it was done, she said, and the future is reaffirmed and we shall go full steam ahead."

people's minds.

But, for all the new dynamism, Mrs Thatcher seemed weak in her expanations for the moves that had been made. She wanted to promote people, who had been a success. She

wanted to give wider departmental experience to some junior ministers.

"I did it quietly, without fuss, efficiently and in the normal incidence of the day's work much more aware of the damage.

"I did it quietly, without those it will happen less and that people are mal incidence of the day's work and incidence of the day's work and the day are of the damage during the recess," she said. . Asked about reports that she was angry about disloyalty and leaks of information about Cabinet activities, Mrs Thatcher

was blunt.
"Yes", she sgid. "Leaksthere have been They should
not have happened because it does not make for efficient Cabinet government if you feel



Solicitor General reminds editors of the legal limits in reporting arrests

Newspaper editors and the controllers of radio and television programmes were reminded yesterday by Sir Ian Percival, OC, the Solicitor General, of their responsibilities under the law in reporting the Pares Simplifications.

bilities under the law in reporting the Peter Sutcliffe case.

He emphasized "the vital principle, embodied in English law, that a man accused of a crime, however serious, is presumed to be innocent and is entitled to a fair trial".

Sir Ian wrote to editors on behalf of Sir Michael Havers, QC, the Attorney General, who is not in London. A spokesman for the Attorney General said that the letter was sent after complaints had been received from private citizens and from a government minister about way events in Dewsbury were being reported.

Many MPs had expressed

fears that a person might be condemned by advance publicity. Mr Thomas McNally, Labour MP for Stockport. South bad spoken earlier of advance lyoch-mob journalism" .: .

Mr. McNally wrote to Mr William Whitelaw, the Home Secretary, asking him to consult the law officers to see if the rules and guidelines applying to the arrest of a person on a serious charge had been observed. The Solicitor General's letter.

signed by his legal secretary. publicity given to the case since the arrest of Mr Sutcliffe.
It said: The Solicitor General reminds editors of the

vital principle embodied in English law that a man accused of a crime, however serious, is presumed to be innocent and is entitled to a fair trial, and of the responsibility which the law accordingly places upon editors in circumstances such as the "The Solicitor General will

By Our Political Correspondent General those reports which Newspaper editors and the have been published since Mr. Sutcliffe's arrest, but he is anxious that editors should themselves consider the publications for which they have been responsible and take such decisions in relation to future pub-lications as will minimize the risk of prejudicing a fair trial."

Mr McNally, who appeared to have the backing of many MPs, said: "Every decent person wants to see the man responsible for these crimes brought to book, but neither the horror of the crimes nor the worldwide interest in the case should cause us to abandon principles and practices which have long been at the heart of British justice.

"Lynch-mob journalism must never play a part in the British judicial process. I wonder whether the British media will, on reflection, consider their behaviour to be compatible with the standards required for the rule of law to prevail."

In his letter to the Home Secretary, Mr McNally wrote: "Almost immediately the arrestwas announced, the name of the accused was published, as was a photograph, and interviews were carried out with neighbours, workmates and (perhaps most disturbingly) with the arresting officers.

"I share the desire of the whole nation to see the perpetrator of these wicked crimes brought to book, but I am concerned that, with the intensity of public feeling, we should not lose sight of the principles and practices which are at the heart of British justice.

"I write to you in no doubt that the concern of you and your relevant colleagues will ensure that the behaviour of the media and others is comnatible with the standards required if the highest principles of British justice are to be

be discussing with the Attorney Leading article, letters, page 11

Courage in old age deserves a bequest of practical help

Lt. General Sir Brian Horrocks

" Just as I am proud of our soldiers, I salute the fortitude of old people battling against very difficult housing often condemned to live in lonely solitude.

"When I am no longer alive I want my support to continue, and it will do so through Help the Aged whose flats and Day Centres are doing so much to give back the happiness that should be part of old age. I am glad, too, that they send food and other aid to some of the world's desperately hungry people, for I have seen the near starvation they endure.

Gifts to charities are exempt from Capital Transfer Tax even if a donor dies within a year or makes a bequest on death the exemption limit is now £200,000.

Commemorate someone dear to you now. £150 inscribes a name on the dedication plaque of a day centre in memory of a loved one. Your family name or your own name can also be commemorated. £100 names a hospital bed overseas.

May we send details to you or your advisers? Please

The Hon. Treasurer the Rt. Hon. Lord Maybray-King, Help the Aged, Room 17L, 32 Dover Street. London W1A 2AP.

Iran celebrates a victory scorned by Iraq

Thousands of Iranians relebrated "glorious military victories" over Iraqi forces in the oil province of Khuzistan, announced on radio and television in Tebran. But western journalists, barred from both sides of the war front, have been unable to verify the claims—or those of Iraq which pour scorn on Tehran. Meanwhile, Ayatollah Khomeini has told his government to accept undertakings by Algeria in its handling of the hostages

Ulster jobs blow

The Government has announced that 1,600 Civil Service jobs in Northern Ireland are to be abolished by 1984. Unions regard the news as a devastating blow in a region suffering unemployment of nearly 17 per cent. Sir Geoffrey Howe, at a Stormont tunch, gave a far from encouraging review
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P & O has announced that its ferry service hetween Liverpool and Belfast is to resume this week. The management and unions will continue talks on how to make the service economically sound. Members of the crew of the Ulster Queen, one of the ferries involved in the closure, have ended their sit in on the ship Page 2

Action on disabled

Several organizations for the disabled intend to challenge the legality of cuts in services, it was disclosed at a press conference in London to launch Inter-national Year of Disabled People. Lord Snowdon, president of the organizing committee for the year in England, called Page 3 for a new era of action

decide portfolios

Mr Gaston Thorn, the new President of the European Commission, has gone into conclave with his 13 fellow commissioners to decide who does what job over the next four years. The procedure is designed to avoid the traditional "night of the long knives" but considerable clashes of interest are likely in the fight for portfolios

Truce for rail talks-

Train drivers' leaders are maintaining their threat of national strike action. although a truce, pending top-level talks on railway financial strategy has ended the immediate disruption of Southern Region commuter services. The chairman of British Rail vill meet NUR chiefs today and the footplate leaders tomorrow Page 2

Mr Tom Litterick dies

Mr Tom Litterick, who was Labour MP for Birmingham, Selly Oak, from October, 1974, until the general election in 1979, died in London on Monday night, it was learnt yesterday. Mr Litterick, who was aged S1, had a severe heart attack about Obituary, page 12 four years ago

1,100 Fisons jobs go

Fisons is to restructure its ferrilizer business with the closure of four works and the loss of about 1,100 jobs more than a quarter of the division's workforce. Unions claim that they were given no-warning of the redundancies Page 13 Blair Peach death: Unofficial inquiry by National Council for Civil Liberties found that New Zealand teacher who died in Southall was killed by a blow from a member of the Special Patrol Group 4 Rome: The Bishop of lvrea in Piedmont offers himself as hostage in exchange for Dr Giovanni D'Urso, the judge kidnapped

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EEC commissioners to Hess wreath sent to Donitz funeral The Iron Cross was seen glinting on chests

The Iron Cross was seen elinting on chests at the funeral of Grand Admiral Karl Dönitz when about 5.000 naval veterans saw Hitler's successor buried at Aumühle, near Hamburg. Wreaths at the ceremony, officially ignored by the West German state, included one from Herr Rudolf Hess, who is still being held in Spandau prison. Berlin.

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HOME NEWS

service is to resume this week

By R. W. Shakespeare orthern Industrial

Correspondent
The P & O ferry service between Liverpool and Belfast is to resume this week. The com-nany made the announcement light at the end of a day of talks in Liverpool between the management and represen-

the management and representatives of six unions.

A company official said it was likely that the first sailing would be on Thursday. The unions and the management will continue discussions on how to make the service viable

Members of the crew of the Ulster Queen, one of the ferries. who have been occupying the ship for the past five days have called off their action. Last week P & O said it was cancelling the service, with the

cancelling the service, with the loss of 330 jobs, because of financial losses. It blamed industrial action, including the most recent dispute over pay, on its ships and on the Liverpool waterfront for some of its troubles. The settlement was worked

out in nearly six hours of negotiations between Captain Gerry McGowan, P & O's deputy, chairman and fleet director, and representatives of the National Union of Seamen, the National Union of Seamen, the Transport and General Workers' Union, the Merchant Navy and Airline Officers' Association, the Mercantile Marine Service Association, the Radio and Electronics. Officers Union, and ASTMS, the clerical workers' union.

Representatives of the 47 members of the crew involved

members of the crew involved in the sit in on board the Ulster Queen had said that they would see the ship "rot in the docks" unless the company revoked its decision to end the service. NUS threat: The executive of the National Union of Seamen has decided to intensify its cam-paign of "guerrilla" action if the employers refuse today to occept a union invitation to take the dispute over the national pay claim to the Advisory, Con-ciliation and Arbitration Service (David Felton writes).

The union would instruct its members on deep sea vessels belonging to 14 so far unnamed companies to refuse to take them out of port. Action would also be taken against other deep sea fleets. In addition, the executive de-

cided that cross-Channel ferries could become targets if the General Council of British Shipping rejects an approach to Acas on the union's 16 per cent pay claim.

The employers, who have offered 10.5 per cent, have been reluctant to go to arbitration, but they will announce their reply today after a meeting with their industrial relations

P&O ferry | 1,600 more jobs to go as Ulster economy continues its decline

Northern Ireland's beleague-Nothern Ireland's beleaguered economy was dealt another
blow yesterday with the
announcement that 1,600 Civil
Service jobs are to go by 1984.
The news came on the day of
a visit by Sir Geoffrey Howe,
Chancellor of the Exchequer,
who was in no position to offer
any comfort to the most economically depressed area of the
United Kingdom.
The Civil Service cuts represent about 9 per cent of the

sent about 9 per cent of the total number of government jobs in the province.

The job losses are regarded

by the admittedly weak trade union movement in Ulster as a devastating blow to a region suffering nearly 17 per cent unemployment. In some parts of Belfast, mainly the Roman Catholic areas, the unemploy-ment rate is 50 per cent or Even relatively prosperous

Protestant areas, which a decade ago had never experioecade ago had never experi-enced unemployment, are feel-ing the strains of Northern Ireland's declining industrial Where terrorism has failed to

where terrorism has falled to drive industry away, economics have succeeded. "Loyalist" centres of employment such as Lisburn and Carrickfergus have suffered closures and cuts by

big employers.

The loyalist stronghold of Harland and Wolff, the ship-builders and repairers, which in the past has employed only the barest minimum of Roman Catholics, continues to decline. It employs 8,000 people now; a decade ago the total was four

After being saved by gov-ernment subventions in four of the past five years, the future the yard continues to look

bleak. Government's remarkable generosity to the De Lorean car project in Belfast, which has received £64m in public grants and loans, demonstrates the acute diffi-culty of attracting viable in-

dustry to Ulster. The exercise will cost more than £25,000 for every job created and few local politicians of any persuasion believe the project has been worth while worth while. Sir Geoffrey's main speech of the day, at a Stormont lunch, was far from encourag-

ing.

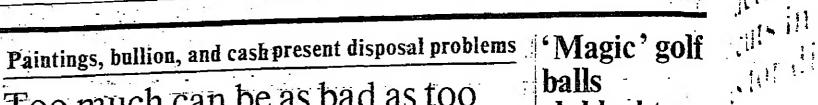
He said that between 1971
and 1977 only 550 jobs were
created as a result of investment from abroad because of image of the province seas. Improved security, overseas. however, had brightened the situation since 1977.

Referring to the joint studies agreed after the meet-

ing in Dublin berween Mrs Thatcher and Mr Charles Haughey, Prime Minister of Haughey, Prime Minister of the Irish Republic on Decem-ber 8, Sir Geoffrey said: * This is not a device for separating Northern Ireland from the rest of the United Kingdom, the trade unions and 1 per cent for other organizations.

"It is simply a way of developing an already close relationship to the advantage of both countries including, within the United Kingdom, that of Northern Ireland."

Photograph, page 12



Too much can be as bad as too little for a conscientious thief

Crime Reporter : Big is not always good in the underworld as the gang sentenced this week for the £3.4m silver bullion robbery can testify. They were not to know that the rise in silver prices would turn their haul from a far salmon into a whale ; and whales are not the easiest things to dispose of.

The gang may, however, take some consolation from the fact that they are not the first criminals to discover that success can be a mixed blessing.
They and the Great Train Robbers 17 years ago were vic-tims of what could be described as the law of diminishing crimi-nal returns. The larger the haul the larger the police interest and the larger the diffi-culty in profiting from the crime. Sentence on capture can also be expected to be larger. The effects of the law can be offset by having a reasonable idea of what you are stealing and knowing where to sell or spend it. The Great Train Rob-

From Diana Geddes Education Correspondent

Mr Mark Carlisle, Secretary

of State for Education and Science, denied yesterday that

government cuts in resources for higher education would

necessarily mean a drop in the number of students admitted to

universities and colleges next

Mr Carlisle announced last

month that the universities' grant for 1981-82 would be cut

by 4 per cent and that the government rate support grant

to local authorities assumed a

similar cut in public sector spending on higher education.

"I do not accept that a rela-tively small decline in resources

must be precisely matched by a fall in provision, he told the annual North of England

annual North of England educational conference which opened in Carlisle yesterday. The Government would be encouraging the University Grants Committee to encourage universities to keep their 1981 admissions at their present level, he said later.

"My guess is that the 4 per cent cur will not have very

cent cut will not have very

much effect on next year's entry into higher education.

This year, we had level funding and would have

assumed that there would be a

Carlisle

bers were none too sure what they would get until they opened the mail train sacks and discovered 52.5m.

Their delight turned to chagrin as the police hunt started in earnest and at least some members of the gang could not wait to give the money back.
More than \$100,000 was left
lying in a Surrey wood and
another \$50,000 was found in a relephone box.

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Money can be as difficult to get rid of as bullion. Some of the train robbers were found with their share of the money hidden close by. Like many other robbers, they had difficulties knowing where to put the cash even though it was in old, untraceable bills. Any large sum put into a bank will immediately attract attention, and a solution such as a safe deposit box involves a third party and

records.
The difficulties are not confined to money and bullion. One senior London detective who months several lorry thefts involving

Earlier, Mr Carlisle called on

local authorities to save money by taking more surplus school

places out of use and by closing

It cost as much to retain two temporary classrooms as to

employ one teacher; and for every 100,000 surplus permanent

places retained local authorities

have to spend about £15m a year which could have been

spent for other educational pur-

The Government has asked

local authorities to remove

from the system by 1982 but

11 to 16 comprehensive school of fewer than 600 pupils found it difficult to offer a curriculum

of appropriate range and to pro-vide sufficient teaching groups

in urban areas, he suggested that falling pupil numbers should not lead to mixed age

classes of more than 25 pupils. Pupils in such classes tended to

do much less well than children

He realized how difficult and

controversial school closures

could be. But together the Government and local autho-

rities had to impress on

parents and teachers that the

closure of their school not only

in single-age classes.

At primary level, particularly

Experience suggested that an

they are a long way short

more small schools.

vear

poses.

Minister says student

intake can be held

bers were none too sure what cargoes of drink remembers that on more than one occasion the lorries and the loads were found dumped. The gang had simply stolen more than they could sell.

Such difficulties are as nothing compared with those of the art and antiques thief. Money, bullion, and bottles lack the individuality that gives a fine painting its danger. In 1974, a Vermeer worth £1.25m was taken from Kenwood House,

Hampstead. It was found in a churchyard two months later. Yet the big theft is not without some advantage. No one knows exactly how much was taken from safe deposit hoxes at two banks in London. A branch of Lloyds in Baker Street is thought to have had £3.5m stolen from it in 1971.

Even the burglar sometimes meets unexpected difficulties. bowever. The owner of a Yorkshire home returned to find that he had been burgled, but the thief had used his house as a place to dump four oil point-ings from another theft.

Rail truce

but strike

By Paul Routledge

British Rail.

threat stays

Train drivers' leaders are

maintaining their threat of preparations for talks with Sir

Peter Parker, the chairman of

But Southern Region rail com-

muters on the London to Hast-

ings line will be spared further inconvenience after a decision yesterday to suspend industrial

action by footplate men at three

depots over new work rosters

Today Sir Peter Parker will put to the executive of the

National Union of Railwaymen

his case for a joint approach by unions and British Rail management for improved gov-

ernment cash aid.

From Ronald Faux St Andrews Technology seems on the point of enabling golf balls to behave in a way that nature never intended. The threat is grave enough for the Royal and Ancient Golf Club Andrews, the legislating body for the sport, to amend the

The new amendment says they should be "spherically symmetrical". The rule has been issued at the same time as identical amendments from the governing bodies in the linited States and Mexico so set throughout the world.

rules that dictate precisely what a golf ball is.

death

balls clubbed to

Mr George Wilson, secretary of the Implements and Ball committee at the Royal and Ancient, described the amendment as a preemprive move against technical developments which could give certain performance characteristics

He said: "The new rule is not aimed at any particular brand or type of ball, but the manufacturers admit they have been carrying out research into ways of making a golf ball do this, that or the next thing be changing the pattern of its dimples."

By non-symmetrical dimpline it is apparently possible to make a ball perform in a dif-ferent manner which, the rule makers believe, is not in the best interests of either golf or galfers.

The amendment has been introduced after consultation and agreement with the manuacturers.

The temptation to market a "magic" hall, which because of its odd dimples clings rigidly to a line directly down the fairway no matter how haphazardly it was struck, would clearly be great.

Golfers recalled past efforts to produce belpful innovations, including the ball that contained an electronic "bleep" that could be found in the

thickest undergrowth.

One informed golfer recalled coming across a "magic" golf ball in California. No matter how it was sliced the thing ... right way. Such a ball, he thought, could well have prodded the Ruyal and Ancient into action.

Prostitute death file still open

Lancashire police are keeping open their inquiry into the murder of Mrs Joan Harrison. a prostitute, aged 26, whose body was discovered in a dis-used garage in Preston in Nov-ember, 1975. Her murder was attributed at

the time by Yorkshire police to the so-called "Yorkshire



Adviser's arrival: Professor Alan Walters, of Johns Hopkins University and the World Bank, entering 10 Downing Street yesterday to join the staff as the Prime Minister's economic adviser. Professor Walters, aged 54, is to be paid £50,000 a year. His appointment met protests from Labour MPs and it was also criticized by the Association of First Division Civil Servants, representing senior grades in Whitehall. He will receive £28,500, at a rank equivalent to a second permanent secretary, which will be topped up with £21,500 from the funds of the Conservative Centre for Policy Studies.

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Better times ahead, Mr Pym says

Parliamentary Staff

There were some favourable signs for Britain in the new year despite the enormous difficulties the country faced, Mr Francis Pym, the new Leader of the Commons, said last night.

In his first speech since the Prime Minister's ministerial resbuffle, Mr Pym, who was in Carlisle, said only by pursuing a sound economic and financial programme and by holding to their purpose could they hope for restoration of better days. Inflation was falling, whereas

it had been increasing rapidly last year. Over the past six months, Britain's inflation rate had been lower than that of a number of other countries competing with it. Alongside the falling rate of

inflation and in response to getting through", he said.
the realistic lead given by the
Government, the country could they cannot strike their way to

of pay settlements would be much lower this year than last. From grim experience during the 1970s, Britain had learnt inflationary settlements

lead only to unemployment, and that was underlined by the pay explosion of 1978-80. Only if realism and responsibility over pay is sustained can we hope to bring the disturbing rise in unemployment to a halt and restore the prospect of a fall in unemployment and a return to more prosperous times in industry ", he said.

The good news on industrial relations was that fewer days were lost in strikes in the autumn than in any comparable period in the past 30 years.
"The message, drummed in by the disastrous effects of the 1979 engineering strike and the

1980 steel strike is at last

price stability."
Mr Pym recalled that during

the past year there had been a remarkable turn round on Britain's overseas trade and balance of payments. That was only partly caused by North Sea oil and was a tribute to Many British companies had heen highly successful in sell-

ing goods and services abroad despite the high pound, intense overseas competition, and the recession.

Mr Pym dismissed the new year message from Mr Michael Foot Leader of the Opposition. as evidence that Labour had learnt nothing from past

failures.

Labour's recipe for the future comprised a grim programme of more nationalization, high taxagovernment excessive spending and borrowing, bureaucratic interference, and

substantial reduction in student numbers, but in fact admissions went up." had financial benefits but would lead to a better education for their children. ...

despite

task of mothers was to stay at home and bring up their child-ren, although she wanted more women to come into public life. On the prospects for British industry, Mrs Thatcher said that the essentials were to conten-trate on making our industries competitive; to produce goods that people would like and want The implication of this to buy to avoid strikes that remark was that the appoint interrupted the flow of goods, ment of Mr John Nott, former, and to get nationalized indus-

machinery, but the people would not operate it?.

Mr St John-Stevus said last night: "Naturally, I am disappointed to have left the Government, but I fully respect the right of the Prime Minister to make the disposition of ministers that she wishes.
"I shall continue to do all I

can to support the arts from the backbenches, also the cause of parliamentary procedural re-

Mr Raymond Buckton, general secretary of the Associated Society of Locomorive Engineers and Firemen (Aslef), said: "I have been instructed

to seek a joint meeting of the railway trade unions in a further effort to obtain agree-ment on a united railway trade-union strategy in opposi-tion to what can be seen as the demolition of the railways in Britain. The first sign that the rail

militants were prepared to back down in favour of that bargaining position came yesterday, when Southern Region train drivers on the London to Hastings line who have balted traffic over the cancellation of some services, agreed to work of railway financing is discussed the so-called at the highest level.

Farmworkers say pay offer College a 11x Defence and now Leader of the By Out Parliamentary Staff House, was one of the most in to enforce some extra cuts in the enforce some extra cuts in the enforce extra

By Hugh Clayton Agriculture Correspondent

Farmworkers failed yesterday to win an improved pay offer from farmers. The Agricultural Wages Board for England and Wales voted in London to accept the reduced offer of 10.3 per cent made by farmers last November.

Mr Jack Boddy, general sec-retary of the National Union dentary procedural re-of Agricultural and Allied Workers, said that the rise was "an appaling insult". But the

board did accept a plend was his union and the Tra good and General Workers Unicolary hold an independent investigation into the main evidence from farmers on which the 10.3 per cent award was based. Mr Boddy said after the board had met for four hours that the National Farmers' Union had insisted that a large. rise would lead to redundancies as the 1980 award of 21 per cent had done.

Oxford conference, page 3

Marshall: Mr Ronald Keating: Putting

Water unions see miners' pay deal as pace-setter

Continued from page 1 feather dusters, we are here for real and we are going to win," he said.

The unions had submitted a 30 per cent claim but had indicated during the earlier negotiations that they were not going to accept less than the miners' 13 per cent 10-month deal, which they estimated was worth about 16 per cent on an annual basis.

The effectiveness of any plans for troops or supervisory staff to keep services operating in the event of a strike would depend largely on the cooperation of white collar staff. Mr Keating said the unions would be getting in touch with unions representing them.

Sir Robert said the employers' final offer, which would cost the industry £13m, would increase water rates by 0.6 per cent, and if it was reflected in awards to the

industry's 75,000 other workers, the overall effect would be a 2 per cent increase.

Under the offer, basic pay for the highest grades, includ-ing an efficiency supplement, would rise from £71.84 a week to £78.50 and average earnings would rise to between £119 and £120 a week.

Sir Robert said the increases the manual workers had re-ceived in the past two years had outstripped rises in the retail price index. "We did not think that this is the time, with two and a quarter million un-employed and the country in desperate economic straits, for any monkeying about.

He denied that the water council had come under pressure from the Government not to increase the offer and maintained that water workers were "singularly lucky" in that they

Dr Owen says electoral..... college a 'fix'

special conference on January 24 decided on an electoral college method of selecting future leaders, Dr David Owen, the former Labour minister, said last night. It was not too late for the

party to draw back from an electoral college, which would be a "fix", and to make no decision on how to widen the franchise. It should give more careful thought to the proposition of one member, one vote. Until now, Labour MPs have

Until now, Labour MPs have chosen the party-leader but in future that will be the task of an electoral college, whose composition is controversial. The formula envisaged by the left wing National Executive Council is 33 per cent of the votes for the Parliamentary Labour Party, 33 per cent for the constituency parties, 33 per cent for the trade unions and 1 per cent for other organizations.

Dr Owen, MP for Plymouth, Devonport, told a public meeting arranged by Loughborough Constituency Labour Party, that no other socialist party in the world allowed, or would even contemplate allowing trade union block votes to be in a position to choose their leader or notatial. Prime Minister or potential Prime Minister. He emphasized that 74 constituencies or trade unions had supported the principle of one

Dr Owen, MP for Plymouth,

member, one vote. A democratic constitution either had MPs voting in a postal ballot or individual members of a party, "It cannot be reiterated too often : you cannot compromise with one member, one vote. The electoral college is a fix. The percentages are

Mrs Thatcher defends spending on arms Continued from page 1 Secretary of State for Trade, a tries to give better value for former Secretary of State for stern defender of monetarist money.

Asked to justify millions of pounds spent on weapons, Mrs. Thatcher said: "There will be to future life in this country unless we are prepared to defend ourselves, In our first year, defence expenditure actually went up to 3 per cent in real terms, taking account of inflation. This year it will beabout 21 per cent, and next year it will have increased.

Sex shop opens

mothers' picket

Mothers tried yesterday to
prevent the opening of the first

sex shop in Ardsley, Barnsley,

50 yards from a school.

They were picketing the shop, which had its sign smashed, before Mr Mark Gainford, the manager, arrived. He

had to pick plaster out of the

lock to get in, while the women

hurled abuse and soat through Mrs Carol Bingley, aged 34, who has two children, said: "!!

is disgusting. If anywhere, it

"I am broad-minded, but it is a bir too much, A residential

area is not the place for this type of shop. It lowers the tone of the district."

Mr Gainford, of Conegate

Ltd. a London company which owns the shop, said: "We

normally have a protest at first, but it usually dies down. It is

for adults only, and no one has to come in if they do not

panel of distinguished women, Mrs Thatcher repeated her view that the most important

on prospects

By Kenneth Gosling
The BBC team under Miss
Monica Sims, controller, Radio
4, which is looking into the

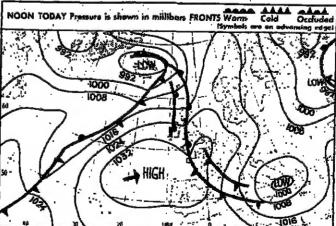
that Commercial television's plans for a breakfast service were expensive, the BBC's modest. If the governors agreed to a service consultations with the unions would follow: follow.

The group will consult ex-perts in London and at the net-work centres in the BBC regions. Apart from Miss Sims, it consists of Mr Derrick Amoore, manager, Radio London; Mr Alan Protheroe, assistant director, news and current affairs; Mr Philip Gilbert, planning manager, telerision resources, and Mr Richard Wade, chief assistant, Radio 4.

BBC talks open for 'radiovision'

prospects for "radiovision",
the BBC version of breakfast
television, has its first formal
meeting tomorrow.
Miss Sims said yesterday

Weather forecast and recordings



Today Sun rises : Sun sets : 8.05 am 4.09 pts Moon rises: Moon sets:
8.45 am S.39 pm
First quarter: January 13.
Lighting up: 4.39 pm to 7.34 am.
High water: London Bridge, 2.16
am, 7.1m; 2.39 pm, 7.1m. Avonmouth, 7.46 am, 13m; 8.05 pm,
12.9m. Dover, 11.29 am, 6.4m;
11.54 pm, 6.6m. Hull, 6.53 am,
7.1m; 7.06 pm, 7.4m. Liveryool,
11.51 am, 9.3m.

In = 3.2808ft Moon rises : Moon sets :

A ridge over SE areas will give way as frontal troughs cross from the W. Porecast for 6 am to midnight:

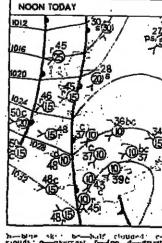
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London, SE, central S and E England, East Anglia, E Midlands: Fog patches slow to clear, bright by afternoon but rain in evening: wind NW, light, backing SW moderate; max temp 3° to 6°C (37° to 43°F). Wales, Isle of Man N Ireland: Rain, heavy in places; wind W, moderate to fresh; max temp 7° to 9°C (45° to 48°F).

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY : c. cloud ; d. drizzle ; f. fair ; r, rain ; s, sun ; sn, snow.

Lake District, SW, NW Scot-land, Glasgow, Argyll: Rain soon spreading from W, heavy at times, some snow at first away from coasts; wind SW, fresh to strong, veering W; max temp 6 to 9°C (43 to 48°F). Central N, NE England, Bor-ders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aber-deen, central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Sheiland; Fog patches clearing in morning, then snow proping to is morning, then snow turning to rain; wind SW free to strong, veering W later; max temp 3 to 5°C (37 to 41°F).

5°C (37 to 41°F).
Midlands, NW England: Patchy
fog, soon clearing, rain by afternoon; wind movely W. light to
moderate: max temp 5° to 7°C
(41° to 45°F).
Channel Islands, SW England:
Light rain at times; wind mostly
W. light to moderate; max temp
7° to 10°C (45° to 50°F). Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: Milder but cloudy tomorrow with occasional rain mainly in the N. Becoming brighter on Friday with showers, turning wintry in the N.



(E): wind NW backing W, moderate or fresh; sea slight to St George's Channel, Irish Sea: wind W moderate, becoming fresh or strong; sea moderate, locally rough.

Yesterday

London: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 7°C, (45°F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 4°C, (39°F). Humbity 6 pm, 91 per cent. Rain, 24-hr to 6 pm. 0.09in. Sun. 24-hr to 6 pm. nil. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,024.8 millibars, rising. 1,000 millibars=29.53in.

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Police officers give big boost to private health care schemes in Britain

By Frances Gibb
About 50,000 police officers, more than half the total in Britain, have taken out private health insurance contributing to the growth in occupational health schemes in the past two years, it was disclosed yesterday.

The Police Federation said

that although such schemes were rarely heard of in police forces two years ago, many had been approached by the British United Provident Association (BUPA) and Private Patients Plan, which between them hold 97 per cent of the market, and had decided to join. as a federation not to join at a national level but to leave

the decision with individual

Surrey police, which joined BUPA a year ago, yesterday said that of 1,600 officers, about 600, or 37 per cent, had joined. BUPA said yesterday that more groups of employees were joining schemes because as a group they could obtain a discount. A recent National Opinion Poll survey had shown Opinion Poll survey had shown that 60 per cent of union employees would take up the option of private health insurance if offered it, it said.

In the past year there had been a 21 per cent growth in groups joining schemes, BUPA said. "The two main reasons are the winter of discontent which made people worried about public treatment in hospitals, and the change of 1,292,000 subscribers, representing some 2,765,000 indivichance for private treatment to flourish."

The National Health Service waiting list for operations had been reduced by one quarter, it said, but still stood at about 500 000

The latest figures from Lee Donaldson Associates, which conducts an annual survey on private medical care schemes for the Department of Health and Social Security show that about 6 per cent of the population, or 3.37 million, are covered by private health.

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600.000. The latest figures from Lee

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HOME NEWS.

By David Nicholson-Lord

don, yesterday, to mark the start of the International Year

It was disclosed that a number of organizations for the

disabled are to challenge the

legality of some cuts in services. In what is thought to be the

disabled woman's bungalow,

The Royal Association for

Disability and Rehabilitation,

which is coordinating the action, said that if the reply

was negative proceedings would be begun for a High

Court action against the council, on the ground that it was failing to fulfil its obligations under the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act, 1970.

Mrs Ursula Keeble, who is

in charge of the project, said that further test cases were

planned, covering areas such as charges for home helps or day

She said: "This is really a concerted effort by obharities, triggered off by sheer horror

Concerted effort by

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for old people on the Sandringham royal estate at Dersingham on January 26.

water, in the Lake District rose last year to 191 compared with 148 in 1979.

services for disabled help to ensure that the inter-Concern that the lives of disnational year would be a "great deal more than that ... the first 12 months of a new era abled people might be endangered by "cruel and un-

necessary public spending reductions was expressed at a press conference attended by representatives of voluntary organizations in Guildbill, London Vesterday of understanding and action ". Mr Kit Aston, chairman of the committee, said it had written to Mr Hugh Rossi, the newly appointed Minister for Social Security, urging restora-tion of the cut in invalidity benefit. It was needed, he said, to safeguard the disabled Some speakers asked for restoration of the 5 per cent cut from sickness and invalidity benefit, and told-the Government not to "shrug off its responsibilities on to voluntary organizations." against what could well be cruel and unnecessary cuts during the coming year "

Benefit reductions said to be shabby

Mr Jack Ashley, chairman of the parliamentary all-party dis-ablement group, said that the disabled should vigorously first case of its kind, an unnamed county council in the north of England has been given seven days to indicate whether it intends to instal a holst in a oppose spending cuts and cam-paign during the year for more public spending rather than "just indulge in sentiments". He added: "We must seek a change in the Government's attitude. Without more cash from the Government we have

attitude. Without more cash from the Government, we have just got words and sentiments and promises."

was also made by Mr Alfred Morris, the former Labour minister for the disabled, who is chairman of the world-com-mittee. Mr Morris yesterdey left Britain for Zimbebwe where he is to give the United Nations' newest member a preview of the 10-year world development plan for improving services to the disabled.

Mr Morris said more then

Mr Morris said more than 650,000 people had been affected by the "shabby" 5 per cent cut in benefit. "Britain must be about the only country in the world where the Gov-ernment is marking the Inter-national Year of Disabled People with a cut in the living standards of large numbers of its most needed disabled people", he said.

at the way the needs of the disabled are being disregarded and services being eroded." Among the speakers at the conference was Lord Snowdon, Among special events planned for the year in Britain is a president of the organizing com-mittee for England, who called the Queen at for an effort by the media to Palace in July. garden party to be given by the Queen at Buckingham



Lord Snowdon talking at the conference to Mr Charles Pocock, exteernal public relations officer for Remploy, the

largest employer of the disabled in the Western world. Leaflets tell patients of mental tribunal rights

By Lucy Hodges

Every mental illness and men-tal handicap hospital in England and Wales has been sent leaflets telling patients about their right to appeal to mental health teview tribunals and how they can be represented at them.

The leaflets have been prepared by MIND, the mental health pressure group, and hos-

have been asked to cooperate in the International Year of Disabled People.

In a letter to every hospital, Mr. Larry Gostin, MIND's deputy director, asks for staff to make sure that every eligible patient receives a leaflet and has its contents explained. Mental Health Review Tribunds, a step by step guide to leaving hospital (Free from MIND, 22 Harley Street, London W1).

Windermere sports centre to be closed

From John Chartres Manchester

The Sports Council announced yesterday that it would close its outdoor pursuits centre at Storr's Hall on Windermere for at least a year. The centre water sports training for the public in the north of England and was used by a growing number of disabled people to learn to sail.

The closure had been caused the Sports Council said, by a combination of difficulties involving government finance, reconsideration of the organization's role in promoting sport, and because the owner of the sire, the North British Hotel Trust, required a five-year con-tract which the council was

unable to meet. . The sports centre, on the site of an hotel owned by the trust, whose headquarters are in Edinburgh, has provided chalet and hotel accommodation for up to 50 sports trainees at a time since the middle 1960s.

Discussions are continuing between the hotel group and the Sports Council on the site, which has been used for training in canoeing, water-skiing, fell walking and golf.

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The decision to abandon courses during 1981 has come as a special disappointment to physically and visually handicapped people who have been learning to sail there, particularly since it has taken effect at the beginning of the International Year of Disabled People

Voluntary organizers had hoped that some events for dis-abled sailors could have been held there in 1981, including a regatta for paraplegics and visually handicapped people, many of whom have reached an advanced stage in the skills

required. The North British Hotel
Trust said: "A lot of options
are still open and discussions
are continuing with the Sports
Council It is unlikely, however, that the residential accommod tion in the chalets will be available any more."

Strict security at castle for trial of murder and drugs charges

From Arthur Osman

Lancaster
More than 100 police officers, some armed and others with dogs, were deployed in and around Lancaster Castle resterday, although it is reputed to be England's most secure courthouse and fail.

Armed officers patrolled the bartlements of the old fortress while inside, in the splendidly escutcheoned courtroom, 10 male defendants were taken into the dock handcuffed to prison officers and two women were escorted by female

A jury is not expected to be empanelled until next Monday to hear charges which allege murder against some of the men and various contraventions of the Misuse of Drugs Act, 1971, against all of them.

The trial, before Mrs Justice Heilbron is expected to last between three and four months. Only 12 seats were available

Five men are accused of murdering Marin Christopher Johnstone in Lancashire be-tween October 8 and 15, 1979. Mr Johnston's body, without hands, was found in a quarry at Chorley and he was reported to be an important figure in the drug world of the Far East

The five defendants are: Alexander James Sinclaire, aged 36, of Stafford Court, Kenaged 36, of Stafford Court, Kensington, London; Andrew Samuel Maher, aged 27, of Robin Hey, Leyland, Lancashire; James Smith, aged 28, of Derwent Drive, Lavingston, Lothian; Frederick Charles Russell, aged 39, of Prince of Wales Road, Kenrish Tolliam Kirby, aged 27, of Clayton

for the public who, like the Russell and Mr Kirby, have press, had to submit to rigorous admitted charges of importing searches, and supplying drugs.

The two other men on the

murder charge, with six others, are charged with conspiring to import and supply controlled drugs, cocaine, heroin and cannabis, contrary to the 1971 Act. The six others are: Jack Kelvin Barcay, aged 27, of Briar Close, Finchley: Exrol John Hincksman, aged 32, of High Road, Leyton; Karen Mary Marie Soich, aged 24, of Stafford Court, Kensington; Christopher Scott Blackman aged 36, of Princess Road Regent's Park, all London Kingsley Fagan, aged 27, of Oakbank, Craigneuk, Strath-clyde; and Sylvester Alphon-

Road, London. Mrs Leila Constance Barclay, London; and Keith William Kirby, aged 27, of Clayton Brook, Lancashire.

Three of the murder-charge defendants, Mr Sinclaire, Mr Sinclaire, Mr Tary to the 1971 Act.

sus Pidgeon, aged 41, of Truro

Protection for the High Weald

By John Young Planning Reporter

The High Weald of south-east England has been designated an area of outstanding natural beapty, the Countryside Commission said yesterday. It is the thirty-fourth area to be so designated in England and Wales and, at 560 square miles, the third largest.

The Weald extends from the coast between Hastings and Rye, across a swathe of Kent and East Sussex to the edges of Crawley and Haywards Heath in West Sussex. It. consists largely of sandstone hills, orchards, farms, heathland, and

orchards, farms, heathland, and deciduous woods that are remnants of the forests of pre-historic Britain.

As well as a rich collection of historic buildings and land-scaped parks, the area is notable for its hammer ponds. They are relies of the medieval They are relics of the medieval iron industry and important wildlife habitats.

Pharmaceutical firms delay test code

By Nicholas Timmins

The Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry is delaying agreement of a new code of practice aimed at end-ing so-called trials of existing drugs that are really promo-tional exercises.

The code has been under negotiation between the asso-ciation, representing the drug industry, the British Medical Association and the Royal College of General Practitioners for more than a year.

The negotiations have fol-The negotiations have followed criticism of some drug "trials" in which family doctors have been paid by drug companies for prescribing particular products and reporting back to them. Some of the studies have had little or no scientific value and there have been accusations that the trials been accusations that the trials were really to influence a doctor's prescribing habits.

Under the proposed code local ethical committees would have to be satisfied that a proposed study was scientifically

and ethically sound, and not just a thinly disguised promotional exercise.

tional exercise.

Only when the ethical committee had approved the study could it go ahead.

The association's objection is understood to be that it wants the studies to go before ethical committees not as a matter of routine but only if a family doctor asks that the study be so cleared.

The BMA and the Royal College of General Practitioners

College of General Practitioners want such clearance as a matter of course, to reassure both doctors and the public that the

study is sound.

The association's objection is based partly on the ground that the procedure would be bureau-cratic and it doubts that enough local ethical committees are sufficiently active to judge such

The BMA will shortly try to revive ethical committees which have become inactive but believes that enough are opera-tional to cover the studies in prospect

In brief

TV bear's owner is prosecuted

Andrew Robbins, owner of Hercules, the bear that appears in a television commercial, who went missing for more than three weeks in the Hebrides last year, has been served with a complaint charging him with a contravention of the Dangerous Wild Animals Act, 1976.

Mr Colin Scott Mackenzie,

procurator fiscal at Stormoway, said yesterday that he had decided to prosecute. The pleading diet has been fixed for January 28 at Lochmoddy Sheriff Court, North Uist.

Scottish fans complain lem race commission

he Scottish division of
National Federation of
Wall to the Commission for
A County about the Football Association's ban on the
sale of tickets in Scotland for
the England-Scotland match at

Shotgun museum raid

Two raiders, one armed with a shotgun, attacked two attendants at the municipal museum in Hove, East Sussex, yesterday and escaped with antiques, and gold and silver watches valued at £25,000.

1,000 oiled seabirds

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds said yesterday that at least 1,000 oil-politited seabirds have been counted still alive in the sea between Portsmouth and

Sheep-minding patrols The Lake District special planning board services committee is to ask for volunteers for patrols over the Easter weekend to help to stop sheep-

Royal goose gift

From Our Correspondent Chichester A rare Siberian red-breasted goose from the Buckingham Palace pond has been given to the Wildfowl Trust at Peakirk, that he would not accept the 19 per cent rise in stipend he is entitled to from April.

The Rev John Brown, Vicar of Westhampuett, near Chichester, will take a 6 per cent rise and the balance of £554 a year-will the take a fer the state of Cambridgeshire, to improve their breeding stock.

Octogenarian wedding Mr Edmond Cash, aged 89, a retired shepherd, and Mrs Mable Pyrah, aged 83, are to be married today in the parish church at Nettleham Lincoln-

The Queen is to open 46 flats

Lakeland lapses Power boat offences at Ulls-

Coordinating body for food sales proposed

A new body to boost British-produced food sales at home and abroad was proposed yesterday by a member of the group appointed by Mr Peter Walker, Minister for Agriculture, Fish-eries and Food, to advise on better marketing techniques.

be to ensure that consumers got

tion matches up with the competition, British agricultural imports because supplies cannot

be the problem.
"All the marketing expertise

We need and must have con-sistency of supply, and sup-plies must be organized to meet the demand generated by marketing imitiatives," Miss O'Cathain said.

body should not be totally pro-ducer-orientated." It should represent the whole food chain, and not become "just another consumer protection body".

The council would also play better marketing techniques.

Miss Detta O'Cathain, corporate planning executive for Unigate, said such a new cordinating council's job should really give a worthwhile serreally give a worthwhile ser-

wanted it, and that producers got a fair return. Minister of State for Agricul ture, who opened the con-ference, said: "The history of Addressing the Oxford Farmevery trade cycle shows that as trade turns upwards the benefits are reaped first and to the greatest degree by those who climb out of the recession ing Conference, she said: "In many cases, although the pro-duct is right and the presents. production loses out against

be guaranteed.

In so many areas of our economic activity this seems to

and expenditure is wasted if the goods fail to arrive when promised, or on a regular basis.

There was wide agreement about the reasons for our raltively poor showing in marketing terms against the competition, both in the domestic market and abroad, and agreement that something needs to be done.

"I have proposed that a central coordinating council be set to be a supported by the coordinating council be set to be a supported by the supported by the set of the supported by the sup

up and I believe, most strongly, that in the national interest the

Vicar on £4,100

A country vicar said yesterday

council to help with church-ex-penses. His stipend of £4,100 a

torgoes

full pay rise

Acid-throwers jailed for raid on shop

not down the queue, when the

Like other industries, agri-culture had had to cope with inflation and high interest rates, he said. But the battle against inflation was being won,

and as the economy improved

"More than this, agriculture has a postive role in generating that improvement." It was an

improvement." If was an important wealth creator, adding about £4,000m to the gross national product, and providing a big share of the £25,000m spent on food last year, a fifth of all consumer spending.

or Output means employment and 650,000 people are em

and directly in farming, and as many again indirectly as a result of the purchases agriculture makes", Mr Buchanan-

so should agriculture.

recession turns."

Two young men were failed by Judge Martin, QC, at Middle-sex Crown: Court, yesterday, for their part in an attempt to tob a shopkeeper, during which a mixture of sulphuric and hydrochloric atid was flung over him causing burns to a third of his body. Cameron Joseph Mitchell, aged 20, of Station Road, south will go to his parochial church Tottenham, London, was sen-tenced to 10 years imprison-ment and Derek Norman Washington Smith, aged 18, of Roundway, Tottenham, to eight

penses. His stipend of 24,100 a year was due to rise to 54,900.

"I do not think a 19 per cent pay rise is justified when many other people are being restricted to 6 per cent", Mr Brown, aged 52, who is married and has three children, said yesterday.

"The Church of England is in need of money and by mak-They had pleaded guilty to throwing acid upon Mr Batuk Raithatha at his shop at Conway Road, south Tottenham, on June 9, 1979, with intent to in need of money and by making over some of my pay rise by covenant to my PCC I am cause him grievous bodily harm, and to attempting to rob him Det Sergeant David Cromoton said that Mr Raithatha had had eloing the Church as a whole." Mr Brown's wife, Shirley, is a

a number of plastic surgery

operations ...

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Four prisoners escape but 11

mass break-out. Eleven prisoners stayed in their unlocked cells after four other men had

station early yesterday. "The weather may have locked at night for humanideterred them. Chief Supt tarian reasons, because of over-Peter Howse said, "but there crowding." Chief Supt Howse were all curts of other reasons, said. "The door to the cell were all sorts of other reasons. said.

Some of them had not even Great Yarmouth

A cold snowy night may have saved Great Yarmouth police from the embarrassment of a mass break-out. Eleven prisoners

Some of them dad not even been deem from the count?

He said that all 11 could access to a corridor and the exercise yard.

"I don't believe it was a deem planned.

The forwards access to a corridor and the exercise yard."

"I don't believe it was a mass break-out attempt; I think ass break-out attempt; I think

hospital night sister. She agrees with his decision.

The four who escaped had cut their hair to change their appearance, and had worked on escaped from the town's police the door of their cell-block and a metal roof grill.
"The cell doors were left un-

block was locked but it had

only two had planned to go originally. There was no special breakfast for those who stayed behind", he said. Because of the prison officers

strike the police have had 26 men in the eight cells. The four men, all facing burglary charges, are said not to be dangerous.

Blair Peach coroner accused of bias in civil liberties report

Mr. Blair Peace, the New Zealand school teacher who died during the Southall

died during the Southall demonstration against the National Front in April, 1979, was killed by a blow deliberately inflicted by a member of the Special Patrol Group, the unofficial inquiry established by the National Council for Civil Liberties has concluded. In a review of the evidence given to the inquest last year into Mr Peach's death, where the jury recorded a verdict of misadventure, with riders, the committee said yesterday it believed that the violence used against him was "unjustified, unreasonable and unlawful". The unofficial committee,

The unofficial committee, chaired by Professor Michael Dummett, Wykeham Professor of Logic at Oxford University, accuses Dr John Burton, the coroner, of "evident bias" and of a confused and maccurate direction to the jury, which which made a fair hearing impossible.

The committee calls for important changes in procedure at inquests, and says that Sir David McNee, the Metropoli-tao Police Commissioner, should urgently decide whether disciplinary proceedings are to be

The recommended changes in inquest procedure include the appointment of a judge in place of a coroner where the death occurred in suspicious circum-stances; the right for counsel for each party to sum up; giving all parties access to all the evidence obtained by the coroner; and restoring the

right, recently ended, of juries to add riders to their verdict. At the Peach inquest the report of Commander John Cass's investigation into the death was available only to the coroner. The committee says the changes are necessary because public confidence in the police depends on a visibly rigorous and impartial investigation of any case where the police themselves are suspected

of breaking the law.
"We do not believe that inquests as at present constituted come anywhere near meeting this high standard; in particu-lar, the Blair Peach inquest did

mor.

The committee says that at a meeting with Mr William White-law, the Home Secretary, in July, it gained the impression that he was far from thinking that fault for events at Southall law entirely with the demonlay entirely with the demon-

strators.
That impression, bowever, had not been given to the public. No government minister had suggested that the police were in any way at fault. Yet confi-dence in the police had been

undermined.
Scotland Yard said yesterday
that disciplinary proceedings
against a number of officers, both in relation to the Blair Peach death and to other inci-dents in Southall on that day, were still being considered. The DPP has decided that there is insufficient evidence to prosecute anyone in connexion with the death of Blair Peach. Supplementary report of the Un-official Committee of Inquiry; £1.50, from NCCL, 186 King's Cross Road, London WC1X 9DE.

House prices | Prejudice at static last quarter

House prices are static. Detailed statistics from two of

the country's largest building societies show that house prices in the last quarter were un-altered (Nationwide) or 0.2 per cent down (Abbey National). Over the year there is a greater divergence between the two society's average house price rise. Nationwide reports that the annual rate of increase.

measured by the loans it made, was 9 per cent. At Abbey National, the rate of increase slowed to 5.4 per cent.

The difference is accounted gage mix", the range of proper-ties upon which societies are

lending money at any one time, between the two societies. House price inflation is now running well below the annual increase in recal prices, up by 15 per cent last year, and the estimated increase in average earnings of 20 per cent or more. Both Nationwide and Abbey National agree that the ratio of house prices to earnings has now returned to the normal long-term relationship of about

.3 times. The recent cut in mortgage rates should stimulate activity in the housing market, Mr manager of the Nationwide. said, although he doubted that there would be "a rapid and unacceptable upsurge in house prices in 1981",

school is alleged

By Richard Garner
of The Times Educational
Supplement

Dr Amal Chartopadhyay, a teacher at Holloway School, Islington, London, was subject to a campaign of victimization after he had claimed be was refused promotion because of his colour, it was alleged at an industrial tribunal yesterday. Dr Chattopadbyay, is claiming

racial discrimination by Mr George De Spinoza, the head-master, the school's board of governors, and the Inner London Education Authority.

He aplied to be head of the school's history department, but

the job was given to Mr Roger Disky, a junior teacher, the tribunal was told. In a letter of complaint to the education authority, Dr Chattopadhyay said that he believed the decision had been made on racialist grounds, a claim denied by the authority.

Dr Chattopadhyay began teaching in Islington in 1964. He is a qualified barrister and

Mr Arnold Rosen, counsel for Dr Chattopadhyay, who is being supported by the Commission for Racial Equality, claimed that his client had been subjected to a commission of the country of jected to a campaign of unlawful victimization by Mr De Spinoza and the educataion authority after making his com-

two years ago started a law course at the school

The hearing continues today.

failed. All other member states Eurocommunism is rejected by Catalan party congress vote

number two.

From Richard Wigg

Madrid, Jan 6 The continuance of the Euro-communist line of the Spanish communist line of the Spanish Communist Party led by Señor Santiago Carrillo, is threatened after a rejection of the term by the Catalan Communists.

At the congress in Barcelona of the Unified Socialist Party of Caralonia (PSUC) 424 pro-Soviet delegates last night defeated the outgoing Euro-

WEST EUROPE

Commission

in conclave

to share out

From Michael Hornsby Brussels, Jan 6 Mr Gaston Thorn, the new President of the European Com-

mission, went into conclave bere this evening with his 13

fellow commissioners to begin the delicate task of deciding who will do what job over the

who will do what job over the next four years.

At a brief ceremony earlier in the day Mr Roy Jenkins, the outgoing President, formally handed over to Mr Thorn, a former Prime Minister of Luxembourg and wished him luck. He is likely to need it if past experience is anything to

go by.

Hoping to avoid the traditional "night of the long knives." Mr Thorn and his colleagues decided to meet only for a few hours today and to resume their discussions tomorrow. But despite this more civilized procedure there may

civilized procedure there may still be blood on the Commis-

sion's elegant wall-to-wall carpet before the work is done. Commissioners are appointed

by member states, but not to any particular jobs. The known

preferences of national govern-ments for their men strongly influence the allocation of jobs,

but there is a genuine element

of horsetrading which cannot be rigged in advance.

Mr Thorn's room for manoeuvre is even more

manoeuvre is even more cramped than usual at this stage. This is first because, with the addition of a new Greek commissioner, he has to conjur up an extra job when there are not enough really worthwhile portfolios to go round as it is.

The four big countries, Britain, France, Italy and Germany, still have two commissioners each, attempts to

missioners each, attempts to persuade them to give up one of their commissioners having

the jobs

defeated the outgoing Euro-communist leadership, which mustered only 359 votes with 21 abstentions,

21 abstentions.
The vote at the first of several party congresses due this year is significant for the entire political scene. The Catalan Communists want a return to old-style working-class combanyoness in Spain's biggest industrial region where they are strongly represented.

There was undoubtedly some skilled manocuvring by Stalinist officials still entranched in lonia. They have been able to exploit a widespread workingclass disillusionment with the actual fruits of Spain's new democracy, inflation, and serious unemployment, particularly among Catalonia's formerly

among Catalonia's formerly flourishing textile mills.

In a series of votes the whole policy approach represented by Señor Gregorio López Raimundo, the party's veteran president once condemned to death and then exiled under General Franco, and by Señor.

sioner apiece.

Second, and much more important, eight members of the old Commission have been reappointed to the new body and all of them, appear to be been to the second on the second of them.

keen to hang on to their previous responsibilities.

previous responsibilities.

This could create a conflict
of interest between Mr
Christopher Tugenhat who has
been promoted to senior British

commissioner and is staying on for another four years and Mr Ivor Richard the former Labour

Ivor Richard the former Labour As second best he would like MP who comes in as Britain's industry. But that is occupied

number two. by the formidable Belgian Mr Tugendhat wants and Vicomite Etienne Davignon,

The Catalan Communists' rejection of Eurocommunism is an alarm signal for Señor Carrillo, who will be 66 this month and faces his own national party's congress later this year. He has already come under growing attack from some younger elements who accuse him of too easy an accommodation with Spain's "bourgeois democracy" after gruelling years in extle or whyderings.

clandestinity. Sedor Carillo, dubbed a "con-servative of the left", has been accused of running the party internally with an iron hand while talking outside of socialism" in democracy " and of ignoring executive working.

Senor Carrillo has been one of the most advanced Eurocom-munists on the international scene, condemning the Soviet Union again and again. Only last month he spoke up for the Poles in their struggle to avoid Soviet intervention, telling the Russians publicly that theirs was not the kind of socialism the working classes want.

Bur in Barcelona, the pro-Sovier majority had removed from the party's main policy document all critical references

Antoni Gutierrez, its secretarygeneral, were defeated by the
pro-Soviet delegates. The Eurocommunist leader of the
Workers' Commissions, the
Communist trade unions, was
also defeated.

The Catalan Communists'

To the Soviet Union, except that
on the invasion of Afghanistan,
and inserted many phrases
endorsing the Soviet line
internationally, the result is a
similarity with the Portuguese
Communists of Dr Alvaro
Contact.

One of the most significant votes won by the pro-Soviet majority came on the religious issue. Since the Catalan Com-munists emerged from clandestinity to take part in Catalonia's emerging regional politics, the party won an important sym-pathy rote among left-wing Roman Catholics, particularly the personal following of Señor Alfonso Comin, a Catholic socio-

logist.
The Unified Socialist Party of Catalonia fought past elections with the slogan: "We are your party and the party of everyone". The routed Eurocommunists are already saying that the party has now condemned ist officials still entrenched in of ignoring everyday working- the party has now condemned the party apparatus who never class problems. His critics are itself to the kind of "ghetto accepted the parliamentary demanding a new combative vota" in future elections the French and rortugue munist parties muster.

The high degree of openness in the public debate at the congress enabled observers to spot how pro-Soviet delegates from Barcelona's industrial belt managed to slip in identical copies of amendments critical of the outgoing leaders into resolutions presented by delegates from rural parts of Catalonia.

Pro-Soviet figures have been elected to the posts of both party president and secretary-general.

tions. Nobody was looking after them, as the law also pro-scribes, and they had been provided with no food or water

since leaving Spain on New Year's Eve. The wagon was sealed.

offer to kidnappers From John Earle

Rome, Jan 6
Mgr Luigi Bettazzi, the
Bishop of Ivrea in Piedmont,
today offered himself as a hostage in exchange for Dr. Giovanni D'Urso, an appeal court judge and senior official of the Justice Ministry's prisons department, who was kidnapped by the Red Brigades on December 12

the late Aldo Moro, the Christian Democrat leader kid-The Bishop said he was "available now", adding "I will not draw back, if it is necessary. Perhaps the Brigatisti need only to affirm them-

elevision are observing a se the kidnapping, refusing to publish the texts or contents of Red Brigade communiques

It has become known that the D'Urso family received a letter on Sunday from the judge in which he is reported to have begged them to ask leading newspapers to publish a long Red Brigade document on the

Five MPs of the small left wing Radical Party today visited Trani maximum security prison in Puglia, where a num-ber of Brigatisti are confined. Relatives of some of the inmates have alleged that prisoners were beaten up after the suppression of revolt there on December 29. Lake area searched: Armed police today manned road blocks around Rome and combed the area of Lake Bracciano, 25 miles to the north in an attempt to save the kife of Dr D'Urso. They refused to say what tip-off had led them to concentrate on the lakeside area but admitted that time

Paris, Jan 6.—A wolf was shot dead in the Basses-Pyrénées-near Larrau—the first in the area since 1935. In a month it had killed seven lambs and a

are represented by one commis- fully expects to retain his sioner apiece. Second, and much more He is therefore unlikely to Richard with only social affairs as an acceptable fallback option but here he faces a strong challenge from Mr Michael O'Kennedy, a former Irish Finance and Poreign Minister. challenge the right of other incumbents to stay put if they wish. But this drastically limits the number of jobs open to the number of jobs open to the newcomers, such as Mr Richard, to fight over. Ideally, Mr Richard would have liked to be in charge of relations with developing countries. But M Claude Cheysson, the able French Socialist, wants to keep this. Minister.

One way out of this impasse would be to carve up some of the existing portfolios. It is suggested for example that some of the external relations.

Mr Roy Jenkins, left, and Mr Gaston Thorn, the new European Commission President. This appears to leave Mr

responsibilities of Herr Wilhelm Haferkaamp, the long-serving West German commis-sioner, could be hived off, and fisheries separated from agriculture. responsibilities of

Italian swop

December 12.
Writing in his diocesan weekly. Mgr Bettazzi recalled that more than one bishop offered himself in exchange for napped in 1978 and then killed.

selves. The state cannot allow this. But then, as today, a human life has a value such as to justify making every effort ". Most newspapers and state mposed limitation on reporting

and proclamations though still giving news of terrorist activi-

prison system. There is little chance of such a request being accepted.

was running out for the judge, who was condemned to death after a "people's trial" by the Red Brigades.—Reuter.

Killer wolf shot

Veterans throng to funeral of Dönitz

Bonn, Jan 6
To long-discarded lines of Deutschland, Deutschland über Deutschland, Deutschland über alles, Grand Admiral Karl Dönitz, the last commander-inchief of the wartime German Nave and Hitler's successor as head of the Third Reich, was buried today in the snow covered graveyard at Aumühle near Hamburg.

About 5,000 naval veterans, refugees he had saved from the advancing Soviet Army and

advancing Soviet Army and members of extreme right-wing groups attended the funeral which was ignored by the West German state, Ironically, he had died honoured more by his former enemies than by his own

No military honour, no government or official military representatives attended the funeral of this brilliant commander, who devised and fought the merciless submarine war-fare against Britain and its

The Bundeswehr had tor-bidden officers to wear uniform for the occasion, Karl Dönitz, with his fanatical loyalty to Hirler, his blind devotion to duty and disregard for thousands of sailors' lives, was not an example for today's

But in buses, care and trains mourners came to his funeral, many of them old men with an upright military bearing.

an upright military bearing.
Iron Crosses glinting on their
breasts and evident nostalgia
for what Donitz stood for.
In subdued voices they
criticized the Government's
attitude. Two Bundeswehr officers defied the ban on uniform and there were whistles as speakers deplored the state's absence.

For two hours a stream of mourners filed out to the tiny brick Bismarck memorial church in the snowy forest our-side Aumühle where Dönltz

side Aumühle where Dönitz had lived in seclusion for the past quarter of a century.

There, former daval officers in civilian clothes formed a guard of honour around the coffin draped with the red, black and gold flag of the Federal Republic and bearing his service dagger. On a cushion were his decorations, Knight of the Iron Cross and Imperial Medal from the First World War. Many had to be almost forcibly removed so the service could begin.

Among the many wreats

Among the many wreaths from Germany and abroad was one from Herr Rudolf Hess, hitler's deputy, still serving a lonely life sentence in Spandau prison, Berlin, Dönitz had served 10 years in Spandau

for war crimes.
Old naval flags were carried ahead and a veterans' band played as they later moved over to the cemetery. After the coffin was let down into the grave, the mourners spon-taneously broke out into the first verse of Deutschland über. alles, now rejected because of its association with German nationalism and the Nazi past. West Germans now sing the last verse beginning "Einigkeit und Recht und Freiheit" (unity, justice and freedom).

Hitler, Dönitz had involved himself in the guilt of the Nazi leadership, although, he added, he bore no guilt in a legal

The only comment from political circles was a tribute from Herr Friedrich Zimmermann, parliamentary leader of Herr Franz Josef Strauss's conserva-tive Christian Social Union, who said he had been a brave soldier

who did his duty. West German commentators here were surprised at the tributes paid in Britain to the grand admiral and a couple of newspapers put it down to admirable gallantry towards a defeated enemy. Here, no newspaper had an obituary as long as that in The Times and almost all were far more critical when the British press

than the British press. The Germans remembered that his dogged determination to carry on the submarine war to the bitter end cost the lives. of nearly 30,000 sailors—including his own two sous—and thousands of allied seamen.

They remembered his passionate specches in support of Hisler as the part of the

Hitler to the very end of the war and his failure to his

war and his tailure. to his death, to see that he might have acted otherwise.

There is scepticism about his insistence that he had no idea, being at sea most of the time, of the crimes of the Nazi regime. He did not want to have they suggested. know, they suggested. On the other hand, besides

his prowess as a commander, he is credited with saving between two and three million refugees from the east in his ships and, during his 23 days. as Hitler's successor. bringing the war to a rapid end.
Several newspapers supported the Bundeswehr's decision not

to give the grand admiral military honours. The decision was important, the Süddeutsche Zeitung said, "because the Bundeswehr's concept of the citizen in uniform must be different from the very type of office which Dönitz so perfectly and so fatefully embodied-the

pure military specialist."

The weekly Die Zeit remarked: "He was not a model for the Bundeswehr."

A letter, purporting to have been written by Dönitz some years ago and left with an Italian lawyer to be published after his death, has reached The Times.

Couched in imperfect and in

places unintelligible English, it was addressed to the British people and urged all Europe to unite against Soviet Com-

munism.
It had been left in the safekeeping of Signor Ruggero Beradi, a lawyer in La Spezia. by a doctor from the same town. Signor Giampaolo Porta-Casucci, who said he had been in correspondence with Dönitz while be was serving 10 years in prison

for war crimes.
Herr Otto Kranzbühler, the
Munich lawyer who defended
Dönitz at the Nuremburg trials said the letter was "pure fan-rasy" and if Dönirz had written one he would have known about it. Dönitz's former adjutant, Captain Walter Lüdde-Neurath and staff of the right-wing In a tribute, former Rear National Zeittong who have also Admiral Edward Wegener said received a similar letter, also that by his blind obedience to seriously doubt its authenticity.

Nuclear power station house bombed

From Our Own Correspondent

Paris, Jan, 6. A house bought by the French electricity authority to house senior staff for the proposed nuclear power station at Plogoff in Finistère was damaged by a small bomb early this morning.

The house, at Pont Croix, was bought only last month and was, described by the anti-nuclear defence committee for the area. as "the first stone of the power. station". Opponents of the project-which is to build the biggest nuclear power station in Europe-have, frequently warned they will stop at nothing to hold up its construction. Le Monde today printed an

article by the two socialist deputy mayors of Douarnenezthe nearest large town to the Plogoff site. They claim that an unpublished official review of France's energy requirements shows that savings of 60 million tonnes of petrol equivalent are possible-which is the total amount to be produced by the current nuclear energy pro-gramme. "If we were to elimi-nate waste, the nuclear programme would be imneces-

Snowfall dela in Vorarlberg

Bregenz, Austria, Jan 6 .-Heavy snowfall and poor visibility today forced Mr Pierre Trudeau, the Canadian Prime Minister, to delay his planned departure from Lech in Vorarlberg province, where he has spent a skiing vacation.

A police officer at Lech said the adverse weather conditions ruled out a flight by-helicopter to take Mr Trudeau and his staff to Salzburg where he was to have had a meeting with Dr Bruno Kreisky, the Austrian Chancellor, before departure. Snow has been falling in the Lech area for three days .- AP.

Dog's 48 days under rubble

Avellino, Jan 6.-A wirebaired terrier, named Reno was dug out alive today from the ruins of his home in Avelling 48 days after it was destroyed in the south Italian earthquake: ·A fire brigade spokesman said Reno's owner, a girl of 19, revisited the remains of her home and heard faint whining under the rubble. She called the firemen. Reno had survived on

holidays for 1981 and it's not too late to book. They range from beach holidays in Miami,

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Wolverhampton paper signs new technology agreement

From Clifford Webb Wolverhampton

Star evening newspaper, at Wolverhampton, yesterday showed retrampton, yesterday showed
Fleet Street the way ahead by signing the first agreement in Britzin with print and journa-Britain with print and journa-list unions for the introduction a computerized editorial enough."

In fact it has been in operation for several weeks and yesterday's formal signing by the National Graphical Association (NGA) and the National Union of Journalists (NUJ) was intended simply to demonstrate that both are entirely happy with the new develop-

Reporters are changing their typewriters for video screens and portable terminals. More than half of the editorial team of 140 are using them and say they are delighted with the

The biggest departure from traditional methods is the introduction of the portable terminal by reporters filing stories from assignments out-side the main office, or from the paper's 10 branch offices. All the journalists receive an extra £13.50 a week for accepting the new technology. Management originally wanted to restrict payment to those

the next three years. Mr Mark Kersen, managing actually operating it, but bar-gaining by the NUJ and management's acceptance that all journalists will become involved sooner or later, resulted in payment for all, director of the Express & Star and a former industrial repor ter, said: "If we have a secret it is that we have taken the unions along with us every step

Ey a Staff Reporter The National Union of Jour-

or a first reading next Wednesday.

Mr Frank Hooley, Labour MP or Sheffield. Heeley, is introducing the Bill, which would next the onus on the Government and Civil Service to deminent and Civil Service to deminent and Service to deminent of the says that existing laws lead to habits of secrecy, among civil servants and government officials. "We need to make secrecy the exception, not the norm", he adds. day.

Mr Frank Hooley, Labour MP for Sheffield, Heeley, is introducing the Bill, which would put the agus on the Government and Civil Service to democrate the correct nostrate the need for secrecy,

rom Clifford Webb

Wolverhampton

The family-owned Express & Star NUJ chapel (office branch), said:

"The computer video screens and keyboards which we oper but really 20 minutes is quite The system still stops short

of the highly controversial single keying issue, that is direct keying by journalists into the printing computer. The Wolverhampton computer still produces written copy that is set by members of the NGA operating electronic keyboards allied to photocomposi-

Asked why a provincial newspaper had made so much progress while Fleet Street stood still, Mr John Ibbotson, the NGA's provincial officer; replied: "Nobody in Fleet Street has attempted to introduce the street has attempted to street has attempted t duce a computerized system which is restricted solely to journalists and stops short of

single keying.
"There is no reason why Fleet Street papers should not do what the Express & Star has done." Mr Ibbotson said that his union had given an undertaking to talk about single keying over

NUJ attacks secrecy habit

nalists has appealed to its members who sit in Parliament to support the Freedom of Information Bill, which is down

also NUJ members, including the Leader of the Opposition, Mr Michael Foot, the NUJ pres-

ident, Mr Francis Beckett, says it is crucial that such an Act

Career diplomat new French envov to Britain

By David Spanier Diplomatic Correspondent

M Emmanuel Jacqin de Margerie will be the new French Ambassador in London, taking up his post next month, it was announced yesterday. He will replace M Jean Sauvagnargues, who is to retire soon. M Jacquin de Margerie; at present Ambassador in Madrid comes from a family with a long tradition of service in the diplomatic corps. His father has also been posted to London.

I nan unsual appointment for a career diplomat, M Jacquin de Margerie was Director of Museums in France from 1975 to 1977. He had previously served in Washington, Tokyo and Moscow, and spent four years in the French Embassy in London as a second secre-tary from 1955-59

Aged 56, he is married and has two children. Spanish military urged by King to stay united :

From Our Correspondent Madrid, Jan 6 King Juan Carlos today told Spain's armed forces that they ad to remain united and res peci their command structures if the country was to emerge successfully from its difficult transition period.

Addressing more than 200 top-ranking officers from the three services, who presented him

services who presented him their New Year compliments, the King also warned them against: barmful infiltration of the forces:

The King was referring to attempts by small right-wing extremist and old guard groups from the Franco era to influence the services to intervene and cut short some of the processes of Spain's new demo-

cracy, such as regional devolu-

Horses die after being left

in French railway wagon

Paris, Jan 6
The French national railway company (SNCF) and an export company in Hendaye, Pyrenees Atlantiques, are both being investigated, by police for cruelty to animals after the death of three horses in a railway, wagon on the way to abattoirs pear Paris. The horses, imported from Spain, were discovered by a railway worker at the suburban station of Juvisy last Friday. He investigated when he heard

their anguished squeals.

He found 20 horses in the wagon parked in a siding a hundred yards away from the station. They had only about 25 square yards of space—which, according to law, is adequate for only eight horses reheir size. He found that, contrary to

From Our Own Correspondent

Paris, Jan 6 Two of the six Corsican auto-

nomists who have been on

hunger strike-for 56 days have

instructed their lawyers to

start legal proceedings against

the prison doctors who forced

them over the weekend to be

The Corsicans were arrested

nearly a year ago and are due to be tried on Wednesday of next week. They began their

hunger strike in an attempt to force the courts to release them on bail.

on bail.

A decision on this request is due to be given on Thursday, together with a report on their medical condition. According to the defence lawyers, two of them are so ill that they could die before Thursday, and in any event they will be unable to stand trial next week.

The two were given a drip feed over the weekend despite

stand trial next-week.

given a drip feed.

The horses had apparently become maddened and had turned on each other. Three had died. Their three-day journey had still not ended when the wagon was spotted by the railway worker, because the wagon was waiting in a siding for a suitable train to take it

Although the SNCF was aware that the journey would take more than 24 hours, it had the law, they were neither

been unable officially to do anything to provide water or food for the animals because French customs had sealed the wagon when it crossed the border from Spain.

was given a blood transfusion. All six are under medical super-vision in the prison hospital. The six are to be tried together with 11 others on charges of belonging to an armed gang and of kidnapping. They were among 59 people

arrested after an attempt by arrested after an attempt by autonomists a year ago to put two members of their militant opponents in the Francia organization on public trial.

The Francia group has been responsible for more than 50 bombings on the island against autonomists and their property. When two Francia leaders were captured by the autonomists a year ago, a series of sieges and police raids took place in which three people—including a policeman—died.

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The two Francia men were provisionally released from prison in November, which prowoked the hunger strike. The autonomists claimed that the was giving preferential

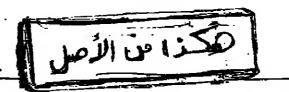
Hunger strikers sue over drip feed treatment to avowed terrorists, whose bombeing campaign was in support of French colonialism in Corsica. A prison service bulletin on the health of the hunger strikers today said that the life of none of them was in danger, but one of them had to be kept almost permanently on drip feed

The mayors of six Corsican towns were yesterday received by the prefect an dargued the case for the release of the six hunger strikers. The beginning of the new court session in of the new court session in Ajaccio was today disturbed briefly by a demonstration mounted by 30 relatives of the

There were nine explosions throughout Corsica during the night, causin ga good deal of damage but no casualries. Nobody has claimed responsi-bility, but it is believed that they were caused by autonomists to mark the auniversary of last year's violent incidents.

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Iran counter-attack victory is wishful thinking, Iraqis claim

From Tewfik Mishlawi Beirut, Jan 6

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Iraq and Iran made conflicting claims today about a counter-offensive which the Iranians say they launched yesterday to drive Iraqi forces from strategic positions in the Iranian oil province of Khuze-

while Iran reported the obliteration of two Iraqi armoured brigades and the

armoured brigades and the capture of 2,000 prisoners. Iraq said the claim was a myth and wishful thinking ".

Neither country's claim could be independently verified and western journalists have been barred from on the spot reporting from either side of the war front.

The Tehran radio and telerision announcements of glorious military victories " by the Iranian forces have been received with considerable ex-

received with considerable ex-citement in Iran.

Thousands lined the streets of Ahvaz, provincial capital of Khuzestan, hailing the capture of thousands of Iraqi soldiers, Tehran radio said. In Tehran the rooftops were crowded with people chanting " Allab Akbar".

Tehran the rooftops were care people chanting "Allah Akbar (God is great).

Although the Iraqi state media have ridiculed the Iranian counter-offensive claims, sive was planned on December they admitted that Iranian 20 by Ayatol'ah Khomeini and military leaders, President Baniour forces were "trying to harass our forward positions". They said Iraqi forces, supported by artillery and helicopter gunwere "thwarting Iranian Ayatollah had asked the military men why the offensive which has been discussed for some the

troops, who invaded Iranian territory on September 22, have been taking a defensive stance. Their leaders said their targets had been achieved but recent reports from frag said the pre-sent position was imposed by

In Baghdad, Iraq reported fierce battles with Iranian forces a few bours after the Iranian claim. The Iraqi high command said fighting was still raging around the besieged have been un Iranian town of Susangerd, France-Presse.

an intermediary during the

Mr Rajai, answering ques-tions on state television, did not

Ayatollah puts his faith

in Algeria over hostages

latest United States view and able financial guarantees to

responds to Egyptian press ban

ing article prepared for tomorrow's edition, assures Egypt that the paper has no ulterior motives in its reporting of that country's affairs. The article follows the Egyptian Government's has on the papers are ment's ban on the paper's cor-respondents after Mr Anan Safidi, the Middle East Affairs editor, reported a power strug-gle among the Cairo authorities.

Mr Safadi, who spent a week in Egypt and returned on Friday, wrote yesterday that President Sadat was consider-ing a Cabinet reshuffle aimed at thwarting Mr Hosni Muberak, the Vice President, from assuming too much power.

The Post article said that a

better understanding of how the Israeli press worked must be part of the normalization process of relations between the

In a second report today Mr

solved. The officials also said Mr Mubarak intended to improve Egyptian relations with other Arab states and might even revive ties with the Soviet

In Israel, a television series on the history of Zionism opened tonight against a rumble of protests by Jews from Islamic countries who alleged

A group calling itself "Zion-sm for Equality" lost an eleventh-hour attempt to stop tonight's showing when the Jerusalem High Court rejected its suit

Jews of Middle-Eastern and North African stock, who now comprise the majority of the Israeli population, had hardly been involved in the political Zionist movement which led to the establishment of Israel in 1948

mr Yosef Lapid, director-general of the broadcasting authority, said he was sure no one would have any complaints after seeing the series. He said

weekly.

Israeli paper

The Jerusalem Post, in a lead-

Union.

ethnic discrimination.

Oriental Jews, living under colonial rule last century were unable to express themselves politically, Mr Shaul Ben Simchon, a trade union leader, said. He is one of the initiators of

Zionism was primarily a spiritual and religious movement. In this respect, the Eastern Jews were in the forefront,

the producers had gone out of their way to stress the import-ant place of Eastern Jews in

also Algeria's suggestion that it secure the hostages' release.—
undertakes to solve the problems between us and America. Press.

From Moshe Brilliant Tel Aviv, Jan 6

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Iranian forces had

Abadan

attacked from three directions

The Iraqis described this as the main part of the Iranian counter-offensive and said Iraqi troops had beaten back other attacks at Ahvaz to the

east and Gilan-e-Gharb to the

said that more than 800 Iraqi soldiers were killed and 345

others wounded in the past 48 hours. Iraq, on the other hand,

said its forces have killed 100

He also reported the Ayatellah as saying that "if we do not go ahead with the offen-

sive, morale in the country could be upset and we could witness the birth of a danger

before which I myself and the President would be impotent ".

says that, five extreme leftwing

proposals on Friday, today met

framian government officials but did not receive a new

Iranian response, diplomatic sources said.

Meanwhile Pars news agency

Iranian communiqués today

two countries.

Safadi speculated on the consequences of Mr Mubarak's rise to power. He said Egyptian officials interviewed had agreed that Mr Mubarak would not scrap the Middle East peace process, but that he would restrict the normalization pro-cess with Israel while the Pale-stinian problem remained un-

spy networks working for Iraq since the beginning of the war, have been uncovered. Agence

Tehran, Jan 6.—Ayatollah Khomeini told his Government today to accept undertakings by Algeria aimed at solving Iran's hostages dispute with the United States, Mr Muhammad Ali Rajai, the Prime Minister, said. Algeria has been acting as proposals on Friday, today mer intermediaty during the the High Court suit.

he said.
"It's politically unwise to show Zionism as a reaction to

say whether he was referring to new moves by the Algerians or whether the Ayatollah was simply giving his biessing to the Algerians as mediators.

Informed sources also same that the Tehran Government could soon give its official reaction to Washington's most recent proposals for freeing the bostages. pogroms in Europe," a meeting with Ayatollah Islamic Republican Party said Khomeini, Mr Rajai said: "We yesterday that the United explained to the Imam the States had failed to give accept the establishment of Israel.

The 19 sequences of the series called Pillar of Fire will be

to plead insanity From Our Own Correspondent New York, Jan 6

Man accused of

Lennon killing

Mark Chapman, accused of murdering John Lennon, the former Bearle, pleaded not guilty in a short court appearance here today. His lawyer ance here today. His lawyer said his defence would be insanity,

The judge appointed two psychiatrists and a psychologist to examine the prisoner's state of mind. He has already received long psychiatric exa-mination and supervision at Bellevue hospital in Manhattan since his arrest.

Wreaths and flowers are still being placed outside the New York flats where Lennon lived.

Defiant judge takes three girls to all-white school

From Michael Leapman New York, Jan 6

He accompanied the trio to an all-white school in the rural village of Buckeye after Mr Nauman Scott, a federal judge, had ordered them to attend a mainly black school at Alex-andria, 15 miles away.

Yesterday Mr Lee instructed sure they were enrolled there.

been ordered to stand down by Mr Scott. Mr Lee decided to go person-

ally, carrying his own court order and accompanied by a constable, a court official. He insists that the matter has nothing to do with the federal court. "These children and any other citizens of the United States have the right to live and reside and make their homes where they wish , he said.

Mr Scott says he is enforcing Supreme Court ruling that state police to escort the girls schools must be desegrated to the Buckeye school to make girls' parents and guardians and school officials \$500 (about £200) a day if they do not go to the Alexandria school.

Members work full speed to modernize armed forces with vastly increased budgets

Pressure grows for overall Asean defence agreement

Association of South-East Asian political and moral support and Nations. The previous pieces and in Foreign Report on Friday.

The Association of South-East Asian Nations (Asean) does not have an overall defence agreement to parallel its economic one; but in the years since its formation pressures for some kind of military arrangement have been growing.

In the past 18 months those pressures have intensified to the point where most of the countries in the association are now working full speed on military modernization programmes involving new equipment and bases and vastly enlarged military budgets.

Repeated disclaimers that Asean would ever become a military alliance are becoming less and less credible. Yet there are cogent political and ethnic reasons why such a multinational pact is unlikely ever to embrace all the Asean countries in a single agreement

Since the end of the Vietnam war, and more particularly since the American debacle at the time of the revolution in Iran, the countries of South-East Asia have been well aware that should any of them face a serious threat from the com-

This is the last of four articles the best that they could hope from David Watts, Our Singa- for would be improved supplies pore Correspondent, on the of weapons and ammunition,

The United States Seventh appeared yesterday, on Monday Fleer is always available as a deterrent to any would-be usurper of South-East Asian sovereignty and the Americans might even deploy aircraft in support of its regional allies. But to expect anything beyond that has become unrealistic, unless the incoming Reagan Administration drastically

changes the course of United States policy. After the American with-drawal from Vietnam and Kampuchea in 1975 is appeared that the region might stabilize mili-tarily. But the invasion of Kampuchea by Vietnam at the beginning of 1979 and Vietnam's subsequent incursion across the Thai border last June aroused fears that the Vietnamese might well decide to annex Thailand at some date in the future and

later move down the Malay

peninsular to Singapore.

The response of the South-East Asian countries can be judged from the increase in military spending in 1980 over 1979: Singapore's defence spending has increased by 27.2 per cent, Indonesia's by 45 per cent and Malaysia's by 140 per

enormous Malaysian

Percentage spending in 1980 (in US dollars) over 1979 Indonesia, 2,100m

Malaysia 887.8m 3.3 27.2 17.2 Philippines 778.5m Singapore 598.9m Thailand 1,100.9m Asean military manpower Indonesia 241,800 Malaysia 66,000 Philippines 112,800

Thailand 30,800 Asean combat aircraft: 448

from a fundamentally antiinsurgent force to a conventional Army employing heavy tanks for the first time. The front-line strength of the Air Force is more than doubled and a completely new base has been built in the north-east of the country.

The Air Force is buying 80 second-hand McDonnell-Douglas Skyhawk fighter-bombers which are to be refurbished before supplementing the Northron F5 Freedom Fighters which the Air Force already operates.

The stress that regional governments put on updating and upgrading their air power is illustrated by the fact that Thailand is seeking further F5s as well as strike aircraft. Singaincrease in spending results pore is expected to purchase from the Government's new more F5s, while Indonesia has policy of changing the Army just received the first batch of

Hawk strike/trainers ordered which Australia is instrumental from Britain.

During the year from 1978 to 1979 American military sales to Thailand jumped from \$100m up for Singapore's lack of air

riers and transport aircraft. But even with this burgeoning military strength, were it to be deployed jointly under an Asean banner, it would be no match for the Vietnamese who have armed forces of more than a million men and large num-bers of American aircraft left behind at the end of the Vietnam war, though the service-ability of many of them must be in doubt.

Even if such unification were politically possible there would be enormous problems of inte-grating the forces of the various countries with their wide variety of equipment their different military backgrounds, not to mention the problems of lan-

guage.
There is too much residual suspicion and jealousy for the armed forces of all the Asean countries to be able to unify their activities, so the cooperation is likely to centre on bilateral military relations. The principal defence arrange-

ments remain with powers outside the region: the United States has links with Thailand ments and the Philippines through the Manila Pact, and the five-power defence agreement that links Singapore, Malaysia, Australia, New Zealand and Britain and

in trying to revive with regular

Australia, too, tries to make (£42m) to four times that and ground space for military figure. This included 50 M48 training by providing Skyhawk tanks, armoured personnel carriers and transport aircraft. Singapore's intentions to allow

> forces on its territory. The most obvious potential guarantor of Asean's defence, superficially, would appear to be Japan, now building up its armed forces. Japan would cer-tainly have the motivation for such cooperation but it is as yet by no means clear that the perceived requirements of the Japanese armed forces are going to be met even in the

training of the Singapore armed

domestic context. Though there would be interest in guaranteeing the contin-uity of Japanese oil suplies through the Straits of Malacca the Second World War is still too recent and the Japanese are far from building the necessary confidence in political relations with Asean.

More than one Asean leader commenting on the Japanese de-fence build-up, has made it clear that it will be welcomed so long as it is confined to Japan's immediate area of interest around the home islands.
So, should Vietnam prove as adventurous as some believe, it will be a long time before the countries of Asean are capable of putting up anything more than a token resistance.



Mr Reagan and Señor López Portillo cross the Cordova Bridge towards Mexico.

US 'too weak' for new Salt pact limitation agreement negotiated experiencing fuel and ammuni-

From David . Cross Washington, Jan 6

There was "very little point" in the United States negotiating a new strategic arms limitation agreement with the Soviet Union from its present position of military weak-ness, Mr Caspar Weinberger, President-elect Reagan's nominee for Secretary of Defence, Instead, the new Administra-

tion should wait until it had set the country firmly back on the path towards nuclear equivalence with Moscow, Mr Weinberger told a meeting of the Senate armed services committee. The Defence Secretary-designate was among the a first batch of Mr Reagan's could Cabinet nominees to face congressional confirmation hear-ings for their new jobs. Mr Weinberger described the present imbalance in Soviet

present imbalance in Soviet and American strategic forces as both "very marked and very worrying". It would be one of his two principal priorities as Secretary of Defence to start catching up with the Soviet Union "quickly and resolutely", he said.

The Defence Secretary designate made it very clear that he fully supported Mr Reagan's view that the strategic arms

by President Carter was too tion shortages, he said. Both their training and their equip-ment had to be improved. flawed to be ratified by Senate.

He said be thought the new Administration would need at least six months to work out its defence policies before approaching Moscow with au offer for new negotiations. Any new agreement would have to be a "vast improvement" on the so-called Sair 2 pact, he

added.
Asked about his attitude to-Asked about his attitude to-wards defence spending by America's allies in Europe and Japan, Mr Weinberger said he intended to keep "pressing" the importance be attached to the allies sharing as much of the defence burden as they

He blamed part of the allies' past reluctance on "uncer-tainty" about the course of American policy. If Washington had a "consistent" policy and demonstrated its strength and reliability, the allies would be renability, the allies would be much more willing to participate in the common defence effort, he believed.

Mr Weinberger said his other main priority in enhancing the United States defence

Border meetings: President-elect Reagan and President José Lopez Portillo of Mexico have agreed to meet periodically in border towns to discuss issues causing friction Mr Reagan told a Washington

audience on his return from two hours of talks with Senor Lones Portillo at the Mexican border town of Ciudad Juarez that their meeting had been "very suc-cessful and wonderful". position was to improve the readiness of the country's existing forces. Many of them Middle East policy, page 10 were under-strength and were

Leading article, page 11 bush war.

Members of the armed ser-

pectfully to Mr Weinberger's

responses to their questions and

appeared to agree with his every pronouncement. His approval by the committee was

expected to be virtually unanimous after such a

The President-elect, who arrived in Washington from

California last night, by way of Mexico, today announced the appointment of Mr James Brady

ary. Miss Karna Small, a for-

mer television news announcer,

White House Press Secret

friendly reception.

will be his Deputy.

on Namibia protest to in jeopardy

From Nicholas Ashford Geneva. Jan 6 The United Nations sponsored

pre-implementarion talks on Namibia (South-West Africa) are due to get under way tomorrow with no sign that the main parties involved are prepared to talk to each other or even sir at the same table together.
So far the South African

delegation—which is attempting to play a low-key role at the conference—is refusing to talk directly to the nationalist South-West Africa People's Organiza-tion (Swapo), although there is widespread expectation the two sides may hold informal con-

tacts.
For its part Swapo has rejected attempts by the most prominent of the eight internal Namibian parties, the Democratic Turnballe Alliance (DTA), to be accorded equal status at the talks. Swapo says it will only deal with the DTA and the other internal parties as part of the South African delegation led by Mr Danie Hough, the South African appointed administrator-general of the territory.

the United Nations would place the South Africans and the internal parties on one side of a square table and Swapo on the other. The other two sides of the table would be occupied by the United Nations and by the multitude of observers artending the meeting.

The observers represent the five front line states—Angola, Botswana, Mozambique, Tan-zania and Zambia—the five members of the Western contact group—Britain, the United States, France, West Germany and Canada—Nigeria and the Organization of African Unity. Mr Theo Ben Gurirab, Swapo's spokesman, said today the organization had come to Geneva to deal directly with South Africa on the implementation of the United Nations settlement plan for Namibia. "A failure of the meeting would be South Africa's responsibility" he claimed.

Death toll: A total of 81 Swapo guerrillas have been killed by South African forces in attacks on their bases in the past week, it was stated in Windhoek today

(Ray Kennedy writes from Johannesburg. The toll indi-cates a marked escalation in the

Geneva talks Sex package Mr Suzuki

From Peter Hazelhurst Tokyo, Jan 6

Mr Zenko Suzuki, the Japanese Prime Minister, is expected to face an embarrassing protest against package sex tours of Japanese businessmen in the Philippines when he arrives in Manila on Thursday on the first leg of a 12-day visit to the five members of the Association of South-East Asian

Japanese officials admitted today that the Government is aware that more than 50 religious bodies and student groups in the Philippines have already signed a petition asking the Japanese Government to put a stop to the thriving business of organized sex tours of Manila and other fleshpots. It says: "Deer Mr Prive Minister, your forthcoming visit to the Asean countries will be greatly marred by Japanese

region in groups on sex tours and humiliate Filipino women. An estimated 1,500.000 Japanese men toured the Philippines and other nations of southeast Asia last year.

Whites blamed for arms raid near Salisbury

From Our Correspondent

Salisbury, Jan 6 A cache of weapons has been removed from an army barracks here by a group of white men using forged papers and wearing Zimbabwe Army uniforms,
it was stated by a military
source tonight. It is believed
the weapons have been flown
to South Africa.

The weapons, including more than 100 rifles, machine-guns, pistols and rocket launchers, disappeared between Christmas Eve and December 29.

It appears that five men presented sented themselves at Cran-bourne Barracks, near Salisbury., and produced forged requisition papers for the arms. They were then loaded on two lorries that had been stolen from a barracks near by and driven to an airstrip. Cranbourne Barracks be-longed to the Rhodesian Light Infantry, until it was disbanded

There's 'Dinghyland' and 'Sallboard World', the 'Gone Fishing Pair, Boating Adventure With saking, water-sking and wind-surfing lessons, model boats, a Dally Express Contest plus many And on the colourful waterfront, a musical Fashion show by

Aliders, a thrilling display by water-sking specialists and a comedy diving act with a breathtaking finale, provides a spectacular interiude. it's all there waiting for you...a veritable nautical paradise and a Show for all the family... Open Every Day! Weekdays 10.00 am to 8.30 pm.

Saturdays and Sundays 10.00 am to 7.00 pm.

* Admission: Jan 8th and 9th £4.00. Children (under 14)
\$2.00, All other days including Saturdays and Sundays £2.20.
Children (under 14) £1.10. All prices include VAT. Cheap evening admission: The admission charge after 6.30 pm from 12th to 16th January is only £1.00.

It is regretted that for safety reasons no prams or pushchairs can be

admitted. However, limited pram parlung space available and baby harnesses supplied on request invalid chairs admitted only by pnor

Children (under 14) 50p.

ent with the Organisers, Regret no dogs. MAN EARLS COURT January 8th/18th

Presented by the SBBNF & DAILY EXPRESS -

Sit-in protests by Polish farmers

citizens and its surrounding hunting lodges converted into

public rest homes and workers

The question of a five-day

week was brought to a head

be free. This was done while

negotiations with the unions

were still going on and the

unions saw it as a breach of

agreement and an attempt to

Last summer, only the miners of Jastrzebie obtained a hard

commitment by the authorities

on a five-day working week.

Other agreements reached with

the strikers on a working week were left to negotiation which

the unions accepted. But the

Government sprung the decision and the unions rejected it. The

Solidarity's Warsaw branch told

its members that unless an

agreement was reached with the government, all Saturdays this month should be regarded as

paid holidays.
Mr Lech Walesa, the Soli-

darity leader, was last night summoned to Warsaw for talks with Mr Mieczyslaw Jagielski,

impose a decision.

when the Government nounced that only three out of

hostels.

From Dessa Trevisan Warsaw, Jan 6

A month of truce on the Polish labour scene has been disrupted as the latent social conflict surfaced again with trouble over free Saturdays. This comes on top of trouble in south-east Poland where the farmers are occupying local government buildings and threatening to go on strike unless talks begin this evening. The authorities in south-east Poland are evidently set on obstructing the creation of farmers' union branches. This provoked new tension and several hundred angry farmers have occupied the local govern-ment buildings in Usuzyki Dolne in protest over alleged official harassment.

They have been joined by hundred more severa. Rzeszow who have occupied the seats of the regional council of the old trade union and are demanding the transfer of the funds of the disbanded union. noon, the Solidarity Union in Przemysł staged an hour's warning strike in support of the

farmers. Soon after that govern-ment negotiators arrived and talks began on the farmers demands. The farmers threatened to call selective strikes and to call further strikes throughout the region unless an agreement is reached by the end of this

They demand that the region's Federation of Workers and Farmers, affiliated to Solidarity, should be registered forthwith, and are protesting against police harassment designed

lasted five hours. These discussions were said to have been functioning. conducted in a good atmos-The region is close to the The region is close to the Soviet border and is the scene of official hunting parties. The farmers are demanding that the Arlamowo government hunting reserve where Mr Edward Gierek the former party leader, used to take foreign guests, including President Brezhnev and President Giscard d'Estaing.

The Government gave an assurance that it was not backing out of its commitments but wished to introduce a five-day week gradually because of the economic situation. Mr Walesa returned to Gdansk where a meeting of the President Giscard d'Estaing, should be open for ordinary national committee of the

Solidarity unions is due to be held tomorrow.

A statement from the Jastrzebie Solidarity Union accused the Covernment of delaying tactics. It also rejected any compromise on free Saturdays. But it stated that the unions wanted five Saturdays this month would to help the Government to lift

> The Government has proposed 26 Saturdays off in a year but the Solidarity unions rejected this. The two sides are now seeking a compromise. In the present atmosphere the unions seem to be more willing to share responsibility but they also demand full information on the state of the nation

on the agenda of the Solidarity national committee meeting. The issues include the demand for the registration of the rural Solidarity union which the court has postponed indefinitely, the release of people detained for political beliefs, the publication of a weekly newspaper which due to begin soon, and the distribution of the funds left after the central council of the old official trade unions was disbanded at the end of last Deputy Prime Minister, which year,



There's a tropical island centrepiece...a touch of Caribbean Surshine and holiday magic...a dazzling display of boats, engines, equipment and a host of accessories.

Kuala Lumeur, Jan 6 The system of traditional native chiefs in Malaysia, who form an informal but important

dangerous strain.

The system has worked well up to now with the state accepting the authority of the chiefs on matters relating to adat (customary law). It has also not interfered in the selection of chiefs and tribal elders.

But now a rift has developed in Negri Sembilan state between

in Negri Sembilan state between the native chiefs of the terri-torial district or luak of Jelobu and the state administration ever the selection of its terri-

torial chief or undang.
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laws say the cutcome of this
could have repercussions outside the state and lead to a continuing confrontation between the native leaders and the state

seven of the eight members of the Druk Lembags, or Council of Tribal Elders, objected to the appointment of the new undang, a 42-year-old headmaster, Mr Musa Wahab. They claimed that their chief had not discussed the appointment with them and that Mr Musa did not come from the traditionally approved families from among whom the undangs are selected by the Datuk Lembaga.

The chief thereupon expelled the seven from the council and stripped them of their traditional tatles in a move which, the seven say, violated

adot laws.

But their appeal to the Mailis
Adat—the Court of Appeal for customary laws—over their ex-pulsion and the appointment was rejected. So was one to the civil courts, which said they had no jurisdiction.

The seven got together last

Zin Alhaj bin Syed Husin. from the Cabinet when the Observers here say that the Sultan was elected Malaysia's move would leave a trail of king soon afterwards.

birtarness in the lunk and the state, whatever the outcome, since they say the appointment of Mr Musa Wahab appeared to contain significant departures from adat law.

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The traditional chiefs have a role to fulfil in all the nine stangerous strain. form Negri Sembilan, and the undangs meet to elect the state's ruler, known as the Yang dipertuan Besar or Yamtuan. They have the power to depese him as well.

Most of the tribal elders and

Most of the tribal elders and the undangs, in Negri Sembilan as e'sewhere, are relatively poorly educated, said one official skilled in adat laws, "although their knowledge of power and their ability to use it would put many a professional politician to shame."

The seven men allege outside interference in the selec-

side interference in the selec-tion of their territorial chief, rointing to the fact that the state's Chief Minister, Datuk Rais Yarim, is from Jelubu and Mr Musa is his close friend. The crisis will have to be solved according to the state's adat laws, but technically the

seven men have committed treason by going against the decision of the Majlis Adat. Indications are that suitable punishments are being considered, the most serious being exile from the state for life. But the issue has split the luak right down the middle and observers say it is a classic case of friction between native leaders and those brought up

in the Western mould.

The politicians hope the problem will go away, but they have to live with it. About a year ago the Sultan of Pabang state wanted to remove one of his territorial chiefs, Datuk Ham-zah Abu Samah, who also sat in the Federal Cabinet as the week and appointed their own Attorney-General. He was dis-umdang, a 67-year-old govern-ment pensioner named Mr Syed Datuk Hamzah was dropped

Republicans brief Taiwan on Peking discussions

Taipei, Jan 6.—President
Chiang Ching-kuo of Taiwan
today met Mr Theodore
Stevens, a United States
Senator, and Mrs Anna Chennault, a Republican official, for an hour after their three-day visit to Peking at the weekend.
No details of the conversation were disclosed but Mr Stevens were disclosed but Mr Stevens and communists, a Western and Mrs Chemault were expected to have told rhe Nationalist President, among other things, about their two-other two-other two-other things, about their two-other two-oth hour discussions with Mr Deng Xiaoping, the Communist Party

They are the first United Republican officials to visit China since Mr Ronald Reagan's presidential election

victory in November.
Mr Stevens is deputy
majority whip and chairman of the defence appropriations had talks with Mr Chu Fu-sung, Subcommittee in the Senate, the Foreign Minister, and Mr while Mrs Chennault, widow of Fredrick Chien, the Deputy Subcommittee in the Senata, the Foreign Minister, and Mr while Mrs Chennault, widow of General Claire Chennault, a Foreign Minister. They also Second World War "Flying met Admiral Soon Changchib, Tiger" commander in China, Chief of the General Staff, Mr is a member of the Republican finance committee. She is of Chinese origin.
The Peking visit by the

rival Chinese nationalists and communists, a Western observer asserted here today. Whether that channel will be all, will be determined by the development of the triangular relations between Faipei, Peking and Washington, the

observer said. Senator Stevens and Mrs Chennault this morning laid chases and loses.
wreaths in front of General It is possible

Wong Yi-ting, Economic Minister, and Premier Sun - Agence France Yun-suan.

drivers seek petrol allocation From Our Correspondent

A decree making motorists register for their fuel allocation has caused chaos in Kampala, the Ugandan capital. Queues of the Ugandan capital. Queues of vehicles up to three miles long jammed the approaches to the disused Kololo airstrip, where registration is taking place.

The Ugandan authorities say motorists will be allowed to draw fuel only at a named petrol station. This is an attempt to halt the flourishing black market in which petrol is sold at up to 20 times its official price.

Severe shortages have affected Kampala and many other parts of Uganda for several weeks. The Government says it has now increased the amount

Chaos as Uganda | 15 Turks held in raid by security police

Adana, Jan 6. - Security forces in the southern Turkish province of Adana captured 15 suspected members of an outlawed leftist organization, a martial law communique said today.

It did not identify the organization but said that the group would be charged with wounding a lieutenant during a May Day demonstration last year, writing political sloguns on walls, distributing extremist leaflets, and "conspiring to overthrow the constitutional regime in Turkey by violent

Adana, largest city, was affected by political and sectarian violence before the generals coup on September 12.—AP.

of foreign exchange allocated to buy fue. Constitution is changed for

one Sri Lankan politician

From Our Correspondent
Colombo, Jan 6
The Sri Lankan Parliament
tonight amended the constitution by 134 votes to seven in
order to increase the number of

seats by one.
It took this step after the Supreme Court ruled that legislation to increase the membership of Parliament from 168 to 169 to enable two members to represent the Kalawana con-stituency would be a violation of the constitution.

The court also said such a

the court also said such a change would require a two thirds majority and would have to be endorsed by a national referendum. Mr Ranasinghe Premadasa, the Prime Minister, said government would abide by the ruling
In tonight's debate opposition

freedom Party speakers were frequently booed and heckled and a suggestion by Mr W. Dahanayake, the former Prime Minister, at an earlier meeting for a free vote was refused.

Mr. Anura Bandaranaike,
speaking for the opposition,
said that if the Government

constitution to accommodate one member of Parliament whose election had been declared void by the Supreme Court, he shuddered to think of what it might do when its term was due

The Government, which was celebrating 50 years of franchise this year and which had invited the Queen for the celebration had reduced democracy to a joke, he said.

to expire in 1983.

After the changes enacted tonight the Kalawana constituency will have two members. The Speaker had already ruled that Mr Abeyratne Banda Pilapitiya, who has unseated by the Supreme Court on an election petition but who was subsequently nominated by the ruling United National Party under the new constitution, is the legal member for Kalawana.
Meanwhile the elections commissioner had arranged for a by-election on January 12. The successful candidate at this by-election, under the provisions of the old constitution, will also

THE ARTS

Moving curtain to the Offenbach centenary

Les Contes d'Hoffmann Teatro Comunale, Florence

John Higgins

Virtually the last statement on The Tales of Hoffmann in the Offenbach centenary year just ended Came from Florence. The cautionary advert is needed for chronological accuracy because the Hoffmann in Leeds, already described by Paul Griffiths on this page, postdated that of the Teatro Comunale by a few days. At the close of a substantial evening, some four and a half hours including intervals. Nicklausse leads Hoffmann by one hand across the empty stage, carefully carrying in the other the glass of wine which for so long has been that storyteller's inspiration. Together they part the storyteller's inspiration. Together they part inspiration. Together they part the gauze curtain and look out at the audience, Hoffmann's audience.

As Hoffmann walks slowly towards the footlights and down a ladder into the orchestra pit the stage gradually refills. His four loves (Stella, Olympia, Antonia, Giulietta) come on first, followed by his adversary, Lindorf. Hoffmann moves through the stalls casting many a backward glance, whether rueful, phlegmatic, or even perhaps contented is not even perhaps contented is not revealed. By the time the stage is completely full he has vanished into the darkness. Perhaps it is to spin another tale or perhaps to go, like Offenbach after this opera, to his grave. Hoffmann, This Is Your Life.

The close of Luca Ronconi's production is also its pinnacle.
When it was first announced that Ronconl was to direct
Hoffmann in Florence most people assumed that he would opt for something striking, iconoclastic. Ronconi has a jusoperas, and plays for that mat-ter, on their heads to see what falls out of their pockets. And few works are more malleable in the producer's hands than Hoffmann, as the past year has

The beginning was in pure Ronconi branara style. Nick-lausse brings the drunken Hoffmann back to Luther's Tavern in a carriage drawn by Tavern in a carriage drawn by a horse upside down between the shafts. Hoffmann's head and shoulders are also hanging upside down out of the window, so that he gets an inverted view of the world. Or is it merely a case of flogging a dead horse on the beliv?

dead horse on the belly?
Thereafter Roncom narrates the opera much according to tradition, although he follows the Salzburg example of restoring the role of Nicklausse to its proper strength: reinstating the Olympia act aria, which is requires him to be on stage for ing Nicklausse as much more than merely a faithful and puritanical companion. He is Hoffmann's Muse, an inspiration far more potent and desirtable than the women the poet chases and loses.

It is possible though that dropped out early on. Possibly ino, is the drive the city's must require set in fluenced by the city's must the city's must require set in fluenced by the city's must require set in fluenced by the city's must require the was influenced by the city's must require set in fluenced by the city's must require set influenced by the city's must require set in fluenced by the city's must require set influenced by the city's must require set influenced by the city set in fluenced by the city set in fluenced by the ci ino, is the driving force behind the city's musical renaissance, retired because of hepatitis. Some of the Italian news-

Hoffmann has gone through a slso had to leave the cast. But number of vicissitudes since it the biggest blow of all came was originally put on the draw when Riccardo Muti,

papers, including La Nazione last weekend, have been claiming that Muti is intending to loosen his ries with the city, a disaster for Florence, which is as much Muri's domain as Milan is that of Abbado. Quite a lot too has been made of an alleged quarrel between Muti

Offenbach looks down on the world of Hoffmann (Le Monde illustré)

With all these attendant tribwreaths in front of General Chennault's bronze statue in a local park.

At the Foreign Ministry they are the wings of Ron- Coni's imagination have been At the Foreign Ministry that Chennault's with Mr. Chu Furung Ministry that Chennault's with Mr. Chu Furung Ministry that Chennault's with Mr. Chu Furung Ministry that Chennault's managed to oblige with a With all these attendant tribulations it is surprising that Chennault's bronze statue in a classification have been a first class for that most of the credit forcibly clipped. The Florence Antonia, as Paris has heard, goes to Neil Schicoff. The American tenor's young appearances in Britain have indicated a good deal of prom-ise; Florence hears the achieing board. Alfredo Kraus, who Florence's musical director ise; Florence hears the achie-was cast in the title role, who, with Massimo Bogianck-vement. He has much in com-

mon with Alfredo Kraus: a dapper appearance on stage, and a fine cutting edge to the voice which slices through the auditorium with more effect than some of those with "bigger" tenors.
Schicoff's Hoffmann is a youngish man—the German poet died in his mid-forties—

not yet too ravaged by drink. Wine is still the mistress and not yet the master. He pursues his dreams with an almost ado-lescent enthusiasm: blinded by Olympia, spurned by Antonia, who prefers the sound of her own voice to the love of another and finally businessed. another, and finally by Giulietta as she glides off in her gondola Let him go, let him tarry, let him sink or let have approved, since his own him swim. So Hoffmann returns wishes are never likely to be again and again to the stable known.

things in his life: his Muse and companion, Nicklausse, his wine, and the clutch of musical instruments which Jean-Paul Chambas's set places carefully on one side of Luther's belowstage tavern.

The voice gives the impression that it can go on for ever, with the tone as fresh and with the ione as fresh and clear towards the end of the evening in "O Dieu, de quelle ivresse" as it was at the beginning. There is a lightness and ease in the timbre which suggest that Mr Schicoff could well concentrate on the French repertory rather than the Italian one, with which he is mainly associated.

mainly associated.

Elena Zilio's Nicklausse,
dressed in black tails and
white dickey, looks as though
she could have walked straight off the British music-hall of 60 off the British music-nau of or or years ago, almost a dead ringer for Ella Shields as Burlington Berrie from Bow. She sounded particularly well in Nicklause's ironic number about Olympia, "Voyez-la sous son eventail", also restored by Salzburg, which points out that when Hoffmann puts on his onserinted glasses the scales rose-tinted glasses the scales drop from the eyes of Nick-lausse. Sesto Bruscantini had less success with the quadruple baritone role: a singer so long associated with buffo parts has bard time putting on the a hard time putting on the mask of villainy, although he came close to it in "Tourne, tourne, miroir", used instead of Dapertutto's non-authentic

Scintille diamant".

Arleen Auger's Olympia was by far the most satisfactory of Hoffmann's three singing loves. with her bright, clean line and wittily musical movements. Catherine Malfitano's Antonia, who according to the pro-gramme lives in Monaco rather gramme lives in Monaco rather than Munich, although no one would have guessed it from the doil set, was too squally for comfort. Nor did Livia Budai. substituting for Brigitte Fassbänder, bring the right degree of sensuality to Gulietta as the last and, in Ronconi's view, the most possible of Hoffmann's amours.

mann's emours.

Antonia de Almeida is an Offenbach scholar and a safe conductor. Too safe, for one longed for Riccardo Muti to enshuse the Florence orchestra and infuse them with that sense of theatrical excitement which has become his trade. which has become his trade-mark over the years.

mark over the years.

And so, with 1980 over, how stands Hoffmann? Salzburg had the most imaginative and visually dazzling staging;

Covent Garden received far less than its critical due and cast Hoffmann's objets adorés. better than anyone else; Flor-ence managed the final curtain best of all and proved that Domingo is not quite the only Hoffmann in the world. Nick-lausse has been firmly restored to the prominent place which is his by right. But the ques-tion of single or triple casting of the soprano roles remains unresolved and so does the ordering of the acts. The answer, surely, is to play Hoffmann according to the resources of the house: if Antonia is the term then keep her noticed last star then keep her until last on the bonne bouche principle, even though this is the most difficult of the acts to stage. Practical considerations come which Offenbach, supreme man

Book review -Britain's Black

Population By the Runnymede Trust and the Radical Statistics Race Group (Heinemann, £13.50, paperback

Damned lies, statistics and truth are difficult to separate in a subject as emotionally loaded as immigration, Elack immigration, of course—for no one worries about white immigrants, or the fact that there are more Irish immigrants than Africans. Afro-Caribbeaus or Africans, Afro-Caribbeans, or Asians. Moreover, as a result Asians. Moreover, as a result of successive legislation—quite apart from that which is being considered at present—the total number of black people who are eligible ever to enter Britain is extremely limited.

Britain's Black Population presents, analyses and comments on government policy and legislation up to the end of 1979, as well as the ago, sex, marital status, birth and death rates, and immigration and settlement patterns of black

people, and how they fare in employment, housing, and health and social services. The statistics are mainly derived from government sources, and these have developed in a piece-meal way to subserve political purposes. Information on immigration and employment is relatively complete, whereas that on health, education, housing, and social services is old and unreliable, or has never been

collected.

Available statistics document the discrimination and disadvantage suffered by blacks. Successive governments have declared that they wish to see these reduced, but helpful legislation has come slowly. And governments have favoured legislation has come slowly. And governments have favoured policies tackling the problems of general disadvantage in Inner Cities rather than the specific disadvantage faced by black people.

If this approach is to continue, it is difficult to justify the collection of information or

thue, it is difficult to justify the collection of information on "ethnic origin". And there is the fear that such information may be misused, nor just by neo-fascist parties but by mainstream ones as well. After all, it has so far led only to attempts at further control of black immigration. immigration — sometimes by splitting families. On the other hand, it is difficult to see how ameliorative measures can be undertaken without the availability of such facts. Iudeed the book's conclusion, that little has been done so far for black people in Britain, would have been impossible to reach if such

statistics were totally unavail-able.

The authors raise various questions about available statistics. For instance, perhaps a third of those included in the 1966 Census as "born in India" were in fact white people, born there in the days of the Raj, and many of them had parents and grandparents born there as well. Before 1971, however, birthplace data are all that are

available.

Reliable statistical information is necessary for informed debate and policy decisions. This thorough and detailed book goes a long way toward bring-ing the available information together, and exposing its limitations. It is an essential reference book for everyone con-cerned about immigration and black people in Britain.

Prabhu S. Guotara

Kovacic/Schiff St John's / Radio 3

Paul Griffiths

Even to the radio listener, which I was on this occasion, the BBC's Monday lunchtime concerts are rarely less than special, not least because the straight hour format makes for programmes that are meaty and compact. This week's was no exception. The centrepiece was Schoenberg's last instrumental composition his Fantasy for violin and piano, bounded by two sonatas related alike in key and in the slow-fast-slow-fast pattern of their movements: Bach's in E major and Schubert's in A major.

thoughtful, then so too throughout was the playing of Ernst Kovacic and Andras Schiff. Where other violinists today aim for a ballpoint finesse and homogeneity of line, Mr Kovacic draws his phrases in pencil: there is a softer texture

thrown off with mechanical Britten exhibition virtuosity, that purpose and feeling are involved together in Paris with technique when he bends his tone into hardness for emphasis, or stabs in a lone high note with perfect accuracy, or shades things with a misty greyness.

The Schoenberg gained much from his style. Its phrasing can seem too orderly in the balance of question and answer; but Mr Kovacic found in it a very varied rhetoric of ideas gently turned and probed, arguments slapped down exclamations and even jokes. He was excellently partnered by Mr Schiff, who realized that his job was not to debate with the violin but to provide a platform and a commentary.

Working together more equally, the two musicians gave a beautiful performance of the Bach sonata, Mr Kovacic song-ful and Mr Schiff happily not ashamed of pianistic rhythm and soft-focus pedal effects. The Schubert duo also contained some marvellous moments, but

to his art. At the same time, one here the players tempted each feels his mind travels with other to exaggerate feeling to a everything he does, that nothing is simply sketched in or the finale, reaching it.

PLG Young Artists Purcell Room

William Marn

London's musical new year now regularly begins with the Park Lane Group's week of recitals devoted to young artists and twentieth-century music. Over the years it has become pre-dictably worth looking forward to, the interpretative standard always high, the choice of music intelligent, motivated by enthusiasm and knowledge. Hair shirts may be left at home: these recitals, we have learnt, are meant for musical enterties.

enjoyment.
The series opened on Monday
shared The series opened on Monday with a programme shared between a pianist and a clarinet-player; as usual it was respectably attended: Keith Burston, aged 22, launched the proceedings, with Debussy's Estampes, very delicately unfolded, almost pussyfoor, not really clear nor attentive to really clear, nor attentive to line, but intent on half-lights and pastel shades. He returned in shirt sleeves with mittens on his hands, hav-ing put away shyness with his

dinner jacker for Stockhausen's tenth Piano Piece, the one full composition, his Fantasy for clusters. To them he did cham-pion justice, timing and nume-ing the composer's bold effects with real sensibility, and a strong feeling for the music's pulse and, pauses included, its poetic line.

John Corbett, also 22, at once commanded attention with his assured, eloquently moulded account of Eoulez's peripatetic six music-stands embracing the Room, His tone was round and warm, his agility remarkable, like the clarity of his faka

He was equally responsive to the gentle musing of Birtwistle's Verses, and the epigrammatic lyricism, power and passion not excepted, of Berg's four pieces, in which lelka Klemencic was his planistic partner, tactful yet firm in support. They ended with a delightful jeu d'ésprit, Humphrey Searle's "Car Variations", brilliantly concise, with to march the Eliot poems evoked, and exquisitely, internal elements and exquisitely, evoked, and exquisitely, instantly characterized.

be a member.

The United National Party is Some of the reviews on this page are reprinted from not contesting the by-election. yesterday's later editions

An exhibition devoted to Benjamin Britten, believed to be the biggest so far, opens at the Paris Opera on January 20. It coincides with the new production there of Peter Grimes and will run until March 20. Thereafter it moves to the Geneva Opera, where there are new productions of The Turn of the Screw and Albert Herring.

There will be between 600 and 700 exhibits drawn from all over the world. Britten's scores will be on view and available, to interested visitors. Four films using Britten's music will also be screened: Night Mail, Noye's Fludde, The Instruments of the Orchestra and The Golden Vanity.

Beckett's Waiting for Godot

will be presented in association with the Baxter Theatre of Cape Town; the leading roles will be taken by Winston Nishona and John Kani, the black actors best known for their performances in the plays of Athol Fugard. Godot opens on February 17. The following at the Riverside Studios, month Balconville, a play by Hammersmith, from February David Fennario about relations 3 to 28.

between English and French-speaking Canadians, will be per-

Old Vic goes ahead with foreign productions

largely new cast, including Princila Scales as Portia. Timothy West repeats the role of Shylock. chant of Venice returns with a

The London première of a new play by Nick Darke, Say Your Prayers, will be presented by the Joint Stock Theatre Group at the Riverside Studios, Hammersmith, from February

Despite the withdrawal of its formed by the Centaur Theatre

Arts Council grant, the immediate plans of the Old Vic company of Montreal.

The Old Vic company will produce Vanbrugh's The Relapse, directed by Michael at the Hampstead Theatre on Simpson; it opens on January 14. Directed by Nichael productions.

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Graeae Theatre Company, Britain's only theatre company for disabled people, will present Sideshow, written and directed by Richard Tomlinson, at Riverside Studios from January 20 to 25. Sideshow portrays in pantothe lives of a group of charac-ters trapped in a fairground freak show and their subsequent escape into the real world.

Answers to the Christmas quiz

Theatre

1. (a) (right) Uncle Vanya.
(b) (centre) The Wild Duck
(c) (left) Hedda Gabler.
2. Richard III: Alan
Howard (left), John Wood,
Ramaz Chkhikvadze.
3. (a) Sweeney Todd. (b)
Nicholas Nickleby. (c) The
U'Ioole Macbeth.

Music

I. Arabella (Josephine Bar-2. Boult; Schwarz; Colin Davis; Kempe—successive chief conductors of the BBC Symphony Orchestra, which celebrated its fiftieth anniversary.

versary. 3. The Tales of Hoffmann. 4. The Metropolitan, New York, with Mahler's second symphony.

5. The Proms, due to the dis-

pute between the Musicians' Union and the BBC. 6. The designer Erté, with Der Rosenkavalier. 7. Wood (12p), Beecham (13lp), Sargent (15p) and Barbirolli (17lp), depicted on a new issue of stamps. 8. Henze's Pollicino, given its British premiere at the Jeannetta Cochrano Theatre.

Cinema

I. Gary Cooper. 2. (a) The Conductor (Dyry. of Passage.

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WINNERS

First prize, of £30, goes to Alan Christopher Purslow of London N1; second prize (£20) to Andrew McLeod of Penzance; third (£10) to

> Wajda; Caligula is exceptional in that no director is credited, but it was Tinto Brass until disputes caused his name to be removed from this credit. 3. The Man Who Knew Too Much (1955). The Secret Agent, seems never to have been remade; the remaining

two were done by other hands. 4. Sir Cecii Beaton. 5. The real Elvis is the one with wide-open mouth. The imitation is Kurr Russell, in Elvis—The Movic.

Books

1. (a) Quintus Horatius Flaccus. (b) They were both among the many translators of Horace selected for The Oxford Book of Verse in English Translation, chosen and edited by Charles Tomlinson.

2. William Golding, winner f the Booker Prize for Rites

Sir Hugh Casson, President of the Royal Academy. the Koyal Academy.

4. (a) The Emperor in Hans
Andersen's The Emperor's New.
Clothes. (b) The illustrations
were by W. Heath Robinson.

1. Pulcinella; there were three new versions of the ballet in Switzerland and France Sue Hillman of London NW6. last year to help jog memories.

2. The Firebird.

3. (a) Rachmaninov's Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini
(b) HM the Queen Mother.

Visual arts

1. Left to right: Canaletto, Wyndham Lewis, John Nash, Ruskin Spear. 2. Rembrandt : Carcase of

3. The Victoria and Albert. -4. Chair by Corbusier, drawn by David Hockney (left); sofa by Bugatti.

1. (a) Michael Hordern,

Prospero in The Tempest and

Broadcasting.

Jeeves in the radio series. (b) Porridge: Slade prison was where Ronnie Barker was incarcerated. 2. Blue Remembered Hills, with Colin Welland. 3. Professional Foul wa Tora Stoppard; all the others of the Booker Prize for Rites were by David Mercer.

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Voices were raised more in anger than in sorrow, bare knuckles were in evidence,

and the whole thing made for compulsive

and indeed frequently hilarious viewing.
(A colleague of mine remarked afterwards

useful lessons from the critics of children's

Programme afforded only a glimpse of its subject and, for the uninstructed viewer,

needed much more filling out. Good as Mr Robinson's pre-fight summary was it could not bring out all the implications

of the argument—and so busy were the contestants settling old scores that no cool

analysis could be given of the books that stood at the heart of the dispute.

son to widen the discussion to include

questions of socio-political manipulation

carefully planned treatment of topics

which are not so chiddish as they seem.
By fortunate chance all this fuss coin-

cided with what looked to be a much more sustained television presentation of

children's books for viewers with little

background knowledge or experience. In a mood of unprecedented liberality BBC 2 mounted six weekly half-hour programmes of "Long, Short and Tail Stories" which aimed to provide "a guide through the maze of children's literature" Produced

by Caroline Pick, who had previously worked on the Adult Literacy Project, the series was inspired by the not altogether

new idea that embusiastic child readers

will turn into enthusiastic adult readers, and that a happy means to such an end

is to give information and practical advice

to their parents.

The clash of these programmes with gripping drama at the Crossroads Motel

or at St Angela's may possibly have deflec-ted some such parents from properly

dutiful viewing—and the news that a planned January repeat of the series will now be delayed till the autumn may thus

however I can allay such concern, for a more dispiriting account of a potentially

ere swamped in the clamour, and reinforced the view that there was scope here for much more regular and more

Furthermore, hold efforts by Mr Robin-

The trouble was, though, that this Book

Billingsgate fishwives could take som

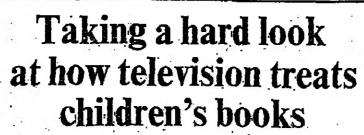
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The Divorce Reform Act pre-dominate.

As pointed out in the Finer Report "The post-war history of the divorce courts until 1969 show widespread and increasing mistrust and disapprowas being driven into what





Captain Najork and Aunt Fidget Wonkham-Strong from Russel Hoban's How Tom Beat Captain Najork and his Hired Sportsmen (Puffin/Cape).

all repeat showings in case any other / liberal-minded programme-planners (or makers of breakfast serials) see the subject as quite unapt for their cameras.

It would not be difficult to write off all these six programmes as bad television simply on technical grounds. They were amateurishly presented. They had no shape or balance, either singly or as a whole. Sequences were randomly strong together, sometimes with bits of film edited in from other sources, such as an ancient Omnibus programme on book illustration. But these faults would be forgivable if they made the series more accessible to the chosen audience of parents—and yet, perversely, they rendered it formless and obscure

from beginning to end. Over the years I have done quite a lot of talking to parent groups about child-ren's books and the pattern of parental interests is predictable and unchanging. They want to know about how their chidren can become readers in the teeth of educational reading schemes. They want of educational reading schemes. They want to know what's wrong wish or right with things like comics or End Blyton. They like to talk about telling or reading stories. And they get puzzled about why folk tales are frightening or why modern

illustrators can't draw properly.

All of these topics—like, indeed, the Book Programme's arguments about sorial manipulation—are capable of being organized into coherent and eminently watchable television, but they made no substantial appearance in the arid or slanted episodes of "Long, Short and

As an example one could take its opening sequence on Raymond Brigg's Fungus-the Bogeyman, love for which led the presenters into critical sharp practice. For although it is a book of some merit (and although, like Bob Leeson's Third Class Genie later in the series, it is a book which As one who sat through all six episodes gets cheap laughs because it contains owever I can allay such concern, for a words like "snot" and "belch") it also arouses strong reactions—not least among parents. With diffuse and disproportionexciting theme can rarely have been given, and it would probably be safer to cancel ate comment and quotation however, the presenters slid round the critical questions, as though the picture of a grinning child was of itself sufficient answer.

Plenty of other examples of the unper

ceptive use of material could be given but a concluding objection needs to be lodged about the children's books that constituted this material. For it can not only be shown that, in terms of parents' needs, whole areas of the subject were hardly touched on (nursery rhymes and folk tales for example); it can also be shown that the selection and treatment of books conformed broadly to the joyless orthodoxy of our new children's book therapists. "I am not concerned with fantasy" said the author Farrukh Dhondy at one point, "or making up stories about rabbits, but with people struggling in Great Britain today" and it was a remark in tune with the tiréless, patronizing di-dacticism of the series and its parading a succession of the New Stereotypes: pallid youths and daring maidens from the housing estates waging war on the autocracy of adulthood or the ills of soc-

It is not surprising therefore that the few moments when the programmes transmitted to parents and everyone else some sense of the rich pleasure to be had from children's books were moments devoted to those who, metaphorically, were on the side of the rabbits: Philippa Pearce, cool and beautiful in her quiet recognition of the interior life of fantasy which we all have." Quentin Blake stealing the show with his drawing of Aunt Fidget Wonkham-Strong, that Children's Rights Worklady par excellence, feeding cabbage and-potato sog to the young. And in some anonyarous classroom, while well-drilled children soberly discuss if they would rather jump in the nettles for f5 or eat a dead frog for £20, a small boy, almost

Brian Alderson Children's books editor

Social Focus

Are lawyers the right people to handle civilized divorces?

Divorce marks the death of a relationship and is public acknowledgment of personal failure. It is thus both threatening and hyperitation for which the and humilisting. It might therefore seem reasonable to expect the caring professions to be primarily involved in this area of family re-adjustment. Yet from the earliest interest of the carriest of the searliest of the searlies respect of the community is more important than the administration of family law, and in the ultimate resort, the case for a family court is that ment. Yet from the earliest it is the institution through times divorce has been firmly placed by the Establishment in the contentious issues area as would not subscribe to the contentions issues area. a matter for resolution through the courts. Finer view that the 1969 and 1970 reforms produced an almost instantaneous reversal Lawyers are trained to work of public attitudes.

in the adversarial system of litigation. This system is com-bative, antagonistic and litigation. This system is com-bative, antagonistic and encourages a good fight. Cases are described as X versus X.

This becomes husband versus know how who system works.

Wife, mother versus father, Former lovers are forced to become combatants, precisely multiple court hearings, multiple court hearings, encouraged by legal aid based on the 'cost plus' system, do not win the respect of 'clients'. Those who really lose out are the children when become combatants, precisely the worst point from which to What one finds so disturbing on closer inspection of the various alternatives proposed for the Family Court, eg in the Finer Report and by the

parent is set against parent. The Law Commission is currently reviewing the grounds for divorce and their discus-sion paper The Financial Con-Research Sub-Committee of Conservative Lawyers, is that despite welcoming the idea of sequences of Divorce: the Basic Policy, has recently been published. These initiatives coupled with concern over arrangements for the children a less formal, and inhibiting setting, all assume that lawvers and magistrates will continue to play the dominant role. It is proposed that adversarial pro-cedures will be replaced by inand the Matrimonial Homes (Co-ownership) Bill constitute a major review of divorce law. This therefore seems an opportune time to consider the quisitorial processes. (Lawyers are adept at finding recondite distinctions even where there is no discernible difference.) merits of tribunals for adminis-

tering marital breakdown. 1969 has failed, partly because one original aim of no guilt divorce was watered down at The distinguishing feature of tribunals is that they use as decision makers (and not just the committee stage in deference to the wishes of as witnesses) persons with specialized experience and those various pressure groups with with professional, other then the result that its ambivalent provisions have led to abuse legal skills, relevant to the work of the tribunal. Thus a Family Tribunal might have a and have given excessive scope for judicial discretion and child psychiatrist for matters regarding welfare of children, partly because the system is still geared to confrontation procedures in which lawyers a lawyer to advise on legal aspects and a numerate administrator chairman for

determining financial issues, including division of assets. Since the facts of a matter could be set out (and monibation for a jurisdiction that tored via an administrative was being driven into what filter prior to the hearing) on was being driven into what was often a virtual disregard of the law it was supposed to apply in order to serve personal and social needs which The Law Society's discussion paper A Better Way Out con-

cludes that the net cost of their proposals (including the setting up of the Family Court) "would be acceptable to society and that to implement them would be a profirable and effective use of public resources". The reason successive gov eroments have stated for refus-

ing to act on any recommenda-tion for a Family Court has been due to "resource con-straints". It is therefore surprising to find that recent correspondence with the Lord Chancellor's Department reveals a disquiering refusal even to define in quantitative terms what these constraints Does this mean that the essen-

tial homework has not yet been done? Could it be that lawyers cannot contemplate a system of Family Tribunals which would (far from requiring the alloca-tion of unavailable resources), allow for the diversion of existing commitments into the area of conciliation counselling? Such a change should which indicates that in the aftermath of marital breakdown over half the children lose contact with the absent parent. Present procedures and attitudes, including for exam-ple, the hostility of some schools, and the prevaricating position of some welfare services, towards the parent not having care and control, do little to foster an effective ongoing relationship with both

parents. Matrimonial matters repre-sent more than £100m worth of business annually to the legal profession. Blatantly dram-atized affidavits designed to prove that one party has behaved unreasonably, or detailed trivia assembled and carefully slanted in issues relating to custody and access provide a shamefully inflated source of revenue for many

solicitors and barristers. It should not be supposed that such lucrative business will be voluntarily given up relationship with both its merely because a layman in parents during and following merely because a layman in parents during and following legal matters suggests that the separation and divorce).

largely pointless and quite devastating for thousands of ordinary parents and children. As J. H. Farrer observed in Law Reform and the Law Commission, "For too long law reform has been carried out on the basis of a priori assertions or intuitive assessments of social facts and social consequences by lawyers".

In 1966 the Law Commission

expressed the view that the objective of good divorce law should be to afford dead mar-riages "a decent burial" in such a way as to ensure "the maximum fairness and the minimum bitterness, distress minimum bitterness, distress and humiliation". It recognized that when parents of dependent children divorce, both often wish, and need to continue, to play an effective role in their children's lives. Thus it concluded that a second objective should be "to encourage harmonious relationships herween the parties and

ships between the parties and their children in the future". Few will dissent with those aims so why is it that the present arrangements largely failed to achieve either? My conclusion, based on personal experience and as a friend in court (McKenzie per-son) on behalf of members of Families Need Fathers, on dis-cussions with leading figures in the marriage counselling and welfare organizations and a study of many case histories, is that lawyers are simply the

wrong people for the job.
Government priority should be to set up a Family Tribunal pilot scheme which can be monitored and amended in the light of experience. Society is not best served, nor in the final analysis are

the clients, by the fostering of bitterness, recrimination and abject unhappiness. When 200,000 children a year in England and Wales are the offspring of divorcing parents, the need for action is urgent.

Trevor Berry

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ANIMALS AND BIRDS

Deft stroke by Francis brings down **Bolton**

Bolton W 0 Nettingham F 1 Having put one warning shot across the bows of the European champions in coming so close to sinking them on Saturday, Bolton Wandares ambarbad and incoming the company of Wanderers embarked on last night's third round FA Cup replay night's third round FA Cop replay in a mood to complete what they almost accomplished at the last attempt. They might well have holed them, too, in the opening half hour if they had accepted the hances their forthright challenges and sharp running created.

They spurned them, however, and a match which never flagged and a match which never liagged for effort slipped away from the second division side in the last phase of extra time when Francis inderlined his fitness as well as his talent; he suddenly opened up the Bolton defence which had shown splendid determination and scored with a deft stroke of skill. scored with a deft stroke of skill.

The best opportunity to present Nottingham with an uphill course fell to Kidd in the sort of position immediately in front of goal, where down the years he has been so deadly in the colours of a succession of clubs. Whatmore set up the chance by winning the race up the right with Gray and finding room to put a low ball across; Hoggan threw the Forest defence on to the wrong foor by skilfolly skipping over the ball and Kidd was left with an uninterrupted view of Shilton's goal. He holsted his shot meakly over the top.

A timely tackle by Burns, restored to the Forest defence and certainly busy at this stage of the match, prevented what would have match, prevented what would have been an unkind serback. Whatmore looked a couple of yards offside as the ball reached him midway in Forest terrktory; the linesman's flag stayed down, however, and he ran on, drew Shifton from his line but took works. but took much too long to despatch his shot.

By Keith Macklin
Wrestam 0

The holders are no nearer Wembley after 210 minutes, but at least they survived the fervent Weish challenge on a Racecourse Ground which had the consistency of chocolate cake mixture. And their hopes of better turf conditions in the second replay were hat after the match when the toss of a coin deigned they should return to Wrestam on Monday. This means that thek League Cup semi-final match against Coventry, planned for Tuesday, has had to be postpoized.

On a waterlogged pitch which blew more spray than bubbles. West Ham soon realised that their pattern weaving would prove difficult. Brooking and Devorsh're attempted to stroke the ball about but it siddded, stopped and started in little pools of water. Wresham, when they were not passing backwards, attempted more direct methods through the einsive wingmen, Fox and Cartwright, but these were not conditions for conclusive attacks or decisive finishing and it was remarkable that despite all the endeavour neither goalkeeper was seriously troubled in the first 90 minutes.

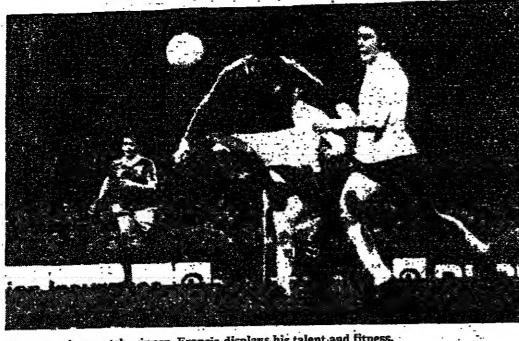
to arouse the crowd. Devoushire, with next footwork, found a way through to curve a pass to Holland.

there first. The Wrexham fans yelled for a good when Jones created an opening for Cartwicht, but it was the side netting which

On a waterlogged pitch which

West Ham survive Welsh

challenge but must return



The extra time match winner. Francis displays his talent and fitness.

arms.

Hoggan had a couple of efforts, one high, the other held by Shilton in the opening half hour by which time Forest, reorganized from Saturday and looking more composed for it at the outset, recogluized that they had a lot of work to do. Certainly they found it difficult to make much headway themselves against determined Bolton tackling.

Francis and Ward, playing together at senior level for the first time, could make little room and a couple of speculative shots by were the best they could offer. Yet they could, and should, have given events a twist five minutes before half time. A quick, high clearance set Francis free; he had

bulged as Cartweight shot and the

crowd roared. Cartwright put two further efforts wide on a night when the players could legitimately blame the sodden pitch for some

In the last minute of normal

stabled in Devoushire's low centre, but jubilation turned to disappoint

ment as the referee, Mr Hamil,

It appeared increasingly likely that the first side to find a chink in the other's mesh would require a lot of dislodging in what had developed into a hard fought cuptle with little time for contemplation. Forest were beginning to look livelier in attack and thrust Lloyd forward on a couple of occasions in the hope that his reach in the air might disturb the Bolton defenders: it came to Botton defenders; it came to nothing and it was Shilton who bad the first real tasts of action in the second half as Nikolic shot hard and low as the ball emerged to him from a forest of scientying

Whatmore had an even better chance after 65 minutes but his shot was simed straight at Shilton. Now, however, Forest were looking more dangerous as they worked their way to the fringe of

There, perhaps, was a mark of the difference between the first to lift the ball over the goal-and second divisions. It was long enough an interval for Burus to reach out a foot at Whatmore finally made his effort and the ball bobbed gently into Shilton's arms.

turned it away to safety.

The rest was heetic and usflinching as Bolton stoutly refused to give ground and Forest strove increasingly to stretch them. It was looking very much like stalemate when, seven minutes from the end, Francis's industry and footwork won the match. He turned tightly, controlled the ball well, and as the move caught Peacock wrongfooted and he slid on to his back, Francis slipped the ball over the line to give Forest a fourth round home tie against Brighton or Manchester United.

BOLTON WAMDERERS: D. Peacock: RIGHTON OF MANGERSET CHICAGO, STORY OF MANGERSET D. Peacock; Graham, G. McElhianay, P. Wilton, Nicholson, I. Brennan, D. Mikelic, Whatmore, D. Hoggan, B. Kidd, Gowling, M. Hoggan, B. Kidd, Gowling, M. Charles, M. O'Neill, P. Anderson, F. Gray, J. McGovern, Lloyd, K. Burns, M. O'Neill, P. Trancis, H. Bowyer, J. McGovern, Lloyd, K. Burns, M. O'Neill, P. Carl

Wolves finally jump over the quick, brave Fox

By Gerald Sinstadt
Wolves 2
When the history of the 100th
FA Cup competition is written,
Wolvernampton Wanderer's third for the sound path for some erracic shooting.

In the second balf West Ham seemed content to play a containing game, and the better chances foil to Wrexham. Arkwright spooted a reasonably simple chance over the bar, and Davis the wide from the souther test and for the souther test and the souther test wovernampton wanterer a turn round replay victory over Stoke at Molineaux last night will not merit much more than a footnote. Wolves deservedly qualified for a trip to Watford in the fourth round but only after a game in which much of the excluences would form experience at mischeles. chance over the bar, and Davis shot wide from yet another teasing cross from Cartwright. West Ham occasionally threatened to produce something from their repertoire of skills, but their closest chances were a header from Cross which went over the bar from Stewart's free kick, and a dipping shot from Devonshire which Davies caught splendidy. which much of the excisement resulted from errors and miskeles. The goal that gave Stoke the lead, well taken though it was, could be traced back to a moment of indecision by Atkinson. A pass from Evans that should have been cleared was allowed to reach Heath, cutting in from the right lenged. Heath lifted over Brad-shaw, uncertainly positioned, and inside the far post.

In the preceding 35 minutes
Stoke's attack had been virtually In the last minute of normal time Fox raced away with the defence trailing, and was brought down. The crowd thought it was a penalty, the referee was sure that it was a free-kick just outside the area, and Cartwright's cross was scrambled away.

West Ham could claim to have been nearest to a goal in the closing minutes of extra time. Cross stabbed in Devonshire's low centre.

imporent. A run along the seconds by Cook led to Bradshaw saving fits low cross. A shot by Bracewell ballooned over the bar off Daniel. Both efforts would be flattered to be described as scoring chances.
Two first-balf thrusts by Wolves
were more menacing but equally
unproductive. Hibbits drove a free cick against a wall of bodies from which the ball ricochetted to Eves but his shot alaped the face of the crossbar. A better move needed a brave, swift pluage by For when Elbhir and the

well to claw away a shot from Richards, but the ball ran to Eves who drove it back past the unlucky goalkeeper. In, quick succession, Heath, Bracewell and Munro fired in shots that could have restored Stoke's lead, but Bradshaw, div-ing left and right, smothered them all. all.

Cohesive defence and controlled attacking remained clusive, but there was no denying the quality of the goal that eventually settled the ie. First, a shot by Hibbirt was fingertipped round a post by Fox. Then, Hollifield's cross from the ensuing corner was cleared but only to Hibbirt. This time, his magnificently struck drive left Fox motionless.

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Berry soon found himself in the clear but his shot went over the bar by a yard. Richards shuffled and sidestepped his way to an opening but was dealed by Fox's quick rush to block. If Richards was unfortunate then, he should have done better than screw another shot wide following some good approach work by Hibbitt.

There was time for one more flying save by Fox from a Hibbitt volley, and for Stoke to stage a late raily, but by then, the mould had set. If the second half did something to atone for the first, it was still a long way short of a classic.

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A Vale of tears as Enfield win with ease-

By Nicholas Harling Entield 3

Enfield 3 Port Vale 6

The banner for non-leggue clubs in the FA Cup was kept flying with almost laughable case by Enfield last night when they removed Port Vale from the competition to reach the last 32 for the first time.

Rarely can a game involving an Isthmian League side and a Football League club have been as one-sided. The only survise at Southbury Road was that Enfield, who knocked out Hereford in the last round, were always in complete countal. They now visit Barnsley in the fourth round on January 24.

If the game was a chastening experience for Vale, it was a langely satisfying one for the Enfield crowd, who occupied every spare seat, foot of terracing and vartage point to winess a famous victory.

Enfield were in front after only Enfield were in front after only six minutes. A lovely interchange of passes between Oliver and Wade created the opening, but Beech should have done much more than clear Wade's cross straight back to him. From his second attempt, Wade found Bishop, who scored his side's goal in Sannday's draw, and he found the target seals.

in Samrday's draw, and he found the target again.

Although from the kick-off Barrett sent the kall upfield with a lusty kick, there was to be nothing agricultural about Enfield's methods. They were by far the better footballing side, slipping the ball incisively to one another on the sodden surface and running, into open spaces. When the Chamberlain brothers did occasionally pose onestions. Baroccasionally pose questions, Bar-ret appeared in such command that he seemed to have completely recovered from the loss of form that kept him out of the first

match.

With King appearing first on one wing and then on the other to confuse Vale's harassed defenders, Enfield might easily have fallen into the trap of becoming complacent. The Chamberlains inspired one break out of defence which ended with Mark sweeping his shot tost an upright. It needed a fine tackle by Ashford on Neville moments later to deny Vale another opportunity.

Enfield doubled their lead with a goal in the 40th minute that

Enfield doubled their lead with a goal in the 40th minute that was confical—as long as you were not from the Potteries or Vale's goalkeeper. Cherry miserably failed to connect with an attempted kicked clearance and King, who had put him under pressure, seized on the loose ball to trickle it in. For an instant in the 58th minute it looked as if Miller had pulled a goal back, but his effort, driven in at a free kick, was disallowed because a colleague was offside. It was to be Vale's last hope of because a colleague was offside.

It was to be Vale's last hope of salvation: Ted minutes from the end, Bishop's astute pass sent king zig-ragging into Vale's penalty area again. Howell met his perfectly timed pass with a shot which Cherry would probably have been unable to save even if had not been deflected.

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EMPIPLD: J. Jacobs: R. Wade, J. Tone. A. Jennines, S. Oliver, R. Howell, N. Ashford (sub. L. Holmes), P. Barrett. P. Burton, J. Bishop, S. King. P. Barrett. P. Burton. J. Biehop, S. King, W. Valle: S. Cherry; T. Briasetti, J. Milret, K. Boech, P. Bowies, P. Sproson. P. Farrett. S. Jones, N. Chamberlain, M. Chemberlain tsub. I. Eisbyl. R. Jromage.
Referee : K. W. Baker (Rugby).

Fulham and Bury made heavy weather of their replay at Craven Cottage and for 120 minutes neither side looked likely to score. Bury were the better side in the first half, giving a performance that belied their lowly position in the fourth division. They were content to defend thereafter. allowing Fulham nearly all the possession; but apart from two efforts from Coodlass, Fulham never looked likely to score.

Rugby Union

Scots reshuffle pack for trip to Paris

By Peter West Rugby Correspondent

Rugh: Correspondent

Scotland have selected one new cap. Jim Calder, the forthright Stewart's Melville Hanker, for their first international of the season against France in Paris on Saturday week. Yet there are only three survivors from the pack which faced England at the end of last season and one of those, the lock, David Gray, apparently must owe his retention to a knee injury suffered by Tom Smith, of Gala, in the trial. The others are Alan Tomes and John Beatrie, two of five Brirish Lions in the side.

The end product is a new front

The end product is a new front row in which Jim Aliten, the Gala loose-head proof, will win his first cap for four years after being chosen on the junior side in the trial. He played three times for Scotland in 1977 before Iau McLauchlan made an international comeback. Colin Deans reclaims the hooking place he lost last reason when he was injured in the French match and replaced by Ken Lawrie. Iau Milne, at tighthead also wins back a position he lost through injury when Scotland's last championship fixtures were half completed.

Calder, aged 23 and one of four

calder, azed 23 and one of four rugbt-playing brothers, is expected to play on the left side of the scrimmage with Gordon Dickson operating on the riest. They have replaced David Lesile, no longer in contention, and Mike Biagar, now 31, who won his twenty-fourth cap in the Calcutta Cun match though losing the captainty to Andy Irvine. The choice on a flank of two players similar in style suggests that Scotland, under their new coach Jim Telfer, still intends to evolore an expansive approach. Dickson, now due for his electric cap, played throughout the 1979 campairs but only once against Wales last season. egainst Wales last season,

against Wales Jast season.

I am told that Smith had so impressive a trial at Jock last Saturday that he only had to stay on his feet to walk into the national team for the first time. Though only in his second season in senior rugby, this former baskethall international, who is an athletic 6ft 7½ in and 17st, scored a resounding my, but more tell-

ingly perhaps achieved a good share of lineout possession with his two-handed catching and repeated the method with great panache when fielding the ball-

panache when fielding the ballfrom restarts.

Having previously been out of
action with a shoulder injury,
Smith had the ill luck to suffer a
knee strain, with a resultant lot of
fluid around the joint, during an
extra 10 minutes added to the
trial. It must be quite a nasty
injury for the selectors to refrain
from giving him time to recover
before their party leaves for Paris.
But we can all expect to hear of
Smith again.

The unavailability of David

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The unavailability of David Johnston, who has been nursing a hamstring injury, meant that; the selectors had to find a new centre to partner the perennial. Jim Renwick, the most capped of all cortish players in that position and now in line for his thirty-stath cap. The choice has fallen on Keith Robertson, whose eight previous appearances have been made on the wing. Robertson was on the right flank in the Calcutta Cup match but he had a good trial as a centre before suffering a head injury that was not serious.

The choice of Robertson in the middle has enabled the selectors to bring back Steve Munro, of Ayr, on the wing, Munro won two caps against Ireland and France last season before losing his place to Robertson. He had a fine game for the Barbarians at Leicester recently.

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Itvine, captaining his country for the second time, will win his thirty-eighth cap. He has scored 210 points in all international rugby, including matches for the Llous, and just one more in Paris will give him a world record at present shared with Phil Bennett, of Wales.

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Uttley rules himself out of county championship final

Roger Littley has ruled himself out of Northumberland's ream to face Gloucestersbire in the Thorn county championship final on Jamary 31. The former England and British Lions forward has been struggling to overcome a back injury which caused him to miss Northumberland's semi-final win over Surrey and he has told the county there is no chance at all of him being fit for the final, to be held in Gloucester.

Utiley, who amounced his retirement from international rugby a few weeks ago, said yesterday, "I haven't played since the Wasps match against Rosslyn Park a fortnight before Christmas because of the injury and it has." in a gama against a Gatesbead Metropolitan XV at Blaydon next The sudden departure to France of the Middlesex and London prop forward, Chirt McGregor, has left his club, Wasps, in the dark, Wasps do not know whether the 28-year-old former England trial player intends to return to this country, although one report has said that he will join Maudice Colclough, the England lock, at Angoulème.

MrGregor joined Wasps from Saracens before the start of the season but, although still a regular with Middlesex and London, bis chances of an England cap seem to have slipped. because of the injury and it has, still not completely sorted Itself

Blakeway, of Gloucester, is now the regular partner to Fran Cotton and Austin Sheppard and Gary Pearce could be considered to be the next in line. What with Christmas and the new year I haven't had the amount of treatment I would have perhaps of treatment I would have perhaps liked, but, more important, I haven't been in serious training.
"I had a long that with David Shaw; the Northumberland coach, and I've decided it wouldn't be fair on the boys just to bring along my reputation and nothing eise. It wouldn't be good for them and it certainly wouldn't be good for me." the next in line.

Wasps make three changes for Saturday's home game with Exeter University. Stringer, the fullback, and O'Reilly, the winger, will both be unavailable for the John Player Cup the against London Scottish on January 24, so M. Evans and Bell are given a change to win a Cup place. The other change is ar centre, where Bruce comes in for Perkins.

Rosslyn Park make six changes for me ".

Giles Smallwood looks likely to other change is at centre, where be the man to take Utiley's number eight position in the finel.

He stood in for Utiley in the semi-for the visit of the London merit final against Surrey and plays at table leaders, London Scottish, on number eight for Northumberland. Saturday.

Career of No 1 coach at a crossroads

By Jim Railton

Rowing

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Bohumil Janousek, one of the world's leading authorities and coaches in international rowing, may find himself redundant in this country by the middle of the mosth and British rowing not in a position to employ him. The British boatbuilding firm. Carbocraft, Ltd., came under receivership last October and will be under new ownership by the middle of this month. Janousek, who has been technical director of the company since 1976, has been offered "a part time post as technical adviser" but it is unlikely that this alone will satisfy Janousek's ambittons.

Janousek's availability comes at

Janousek's ambitions.

Janousek's availability comes at a time when the Amateur Rowing Association (ARA) may be unable to offer him a full time post. The ARA are strangeling to keep their present establishment of three full time professional coaches affoat with the curback in grants to sport. The paradox is that the ARA searched for nearly a decade in the 60s for a coach of Janousek's ability and experience. In the 1969 European champion-ships in Austria negotiations with Janousek, who was then the Czechoslovek national coach, were carried out secretly by ARA Czechoslovak national coach, were carried out secretly by ARA officers. By October of that year Janousek was in England and as principal national coach restored Great Britain's lost international pride, coaching the British eight to a silver medal in the 1974 world and 1976 Olympic Games. Janousek became a naturalized British subject in 1975.

Janousek said yesterday:
"Frankly I am at a crossroads
in my career and not sure which
direction to take. It could be back direction to take. It could be back to full time professional sport or there may be an opportunity of staying in the business world ". Janousek has kept will obresst of developments in the sport since joining Carbocraft, lecturing in various countries and advising the coaches, both in Great Britain and

In the circumstances it is to be hoped that private cources within the sport could help. Despite Britain's success in international rowing since Janousek's departure in 1976, he must still be regarded as the No. I coach in the country, at least in terms of percentily and judgment. Janousek, too was not only national rowing coach in Cascho-lovakia but also the pro-In the circumstances it is to be not only battoral rowing cream to Czecho; lovakia but also the pro-fessional technical officer respon-able for the preparation of all Olympic sports. He is the calibre of man Britain cannot afford to lose and I know he has a deep attachment to this country. artachment to this country.
David Lunn-Rockliffe, executive secretary of the ARA said yesterday: "We don't wint to see his talent wasted. If we had the money we would like to see him tie in with us at least on a consultancy basis."

The ARA men's selection policy or this year states their intention to consolidate and to improve

"to consolidate and to improve further our position among the rowing nations". Honourable intentions tudeed but the success of the policy will depend on finance and that is a grey area. Despite setting a world lightweight record last year and a gold medal in eights, the British lightweight team still have no sponsor for this year and a budget estimate of £9,000 must be met to keep their hooes alire. Sibson's challenger

Sacz Gomez of Spain has been nominated as official challenger for the European middleweight tide, recently won by Tony Sibson of Lekester. If contracts for the contest are not signed by January 15, it will go out to purse offers.

and McOueen ready to return

Dave Sexton faces a dilemma as he prepares Manchester United for their FA Cup third round replay against Brighton at the Goldstone Ground tonight. For the Goldstone Ground tonight. For the first time this season his senior squad have been given a completely clean bill of health. The question is whether Wilkins, out since the summer, McQueen, with one appearance this season, and Buchan, out for most of the season, should be recalled for such an important match.

Wilkins, after two reserve games, seems to have at last recovered from his groin injury.

McQueen, who had an ankle injury, and the captain Buchan, who damaged a hamstring in October, played with Wilkins in the reserves on Saturday and are back in full training.

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Mr Sexton said: "This is a real dilemma because it is always difficult to be sure about the right time to bring back injured players. This is a cup-tie and we can't afford to take any risks."

From John Hennessy

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Pfronten, Jan 6
The first race of the women's world cup circuit since the Christmas break, a downhill, was to have been held here in the Eavarian Alps today, followed by another temorrow, but the weather, not for the first time, has turned against Pfronten.

The conditions were ideal until the end of the year, but January 1 brought in its train two solid days of rain, since when there has been almost incessant snow borne on a fierce wind. Given a change in the weather, which is promised for all of Germany except these parts, two training runs are to be held tomorrow with a view to racing on Thursday. The indications are that the world cup caravan will be moving on early tomorrow with nothing achieved. A cancelled ski race is always a depressing experience, but it would be a particular serback

A cancelled ski race is always a depressing experience, but it would be a particular setback here, because Pfronten had hoped, and still desperately hopes, to launch Hanni Wenzel on a new world cup campaign.

Miss Wenzel, however, suffered an injury in training in November that required an operation on the particular in the course of th

an injury in training in November that required an operation on an ankle. Thus she has been out of action, while her main challenger, Marle-Theres Nadig, of Switzerland, has been piling up the points, 136 of them so far. Miss Wenzel is the more versatile skier of the troe but it seems impos-

Miss Wenzel still waiting

to start new campaign

Skiing

clever header from Richards. Any ambitions Stoke may have had to defend their lead vanished early in the second half. Fox did Wilkins, Buchan | Thompson's disputed goal sees Coventry through

A disputed goel in the last sec-onds by Coventry City's striker, Garry Thompson, settled their FA Cup third round replay against Leeds United last night, when it looked as though the tie would go into extra time. Leeds protested that Thompson committed a foul as he bundled the ball into the net but the ref-erre. Fat Partrides. weved them erze. Pat Partridge, waved them asido. The goal came from a free kick by Blair which was lobbed forward into a crowded goal-mouth; Gill'sspie helped it forward and Thompson finished it off.

off.

An 85th minute goal by Wimbledon's leading scorer, Alan Cork, put paid to Oldham of the second division. Cork played a neat one-two with Denny then calmly slipped the ball over the diving body of Platt, the Oldham goalkeeper.

Robble Cooke, a striker recruited by Peterborough United for £12,000 from Grantham last season, scored two goals to earn the fourth division side an

So far the racers have had only one training run, in wretched conditions yesterday. It achieved nothing positive but had the unfortunate negative effect of puting out of action the talented Norwegian. Torill Fjeldstad. Having gained a third place in the last downhill before Christmas, Miss Fjeldstad is clearly capable of adding her name to the growing list of racers from unfastionable nations, so far as Alpine skiling is concerned, who are challenging the traditional strongholds of the sport. Now it will be at least a month before she can hope to race again.

There are, alas, no British competitors.

Stenmark triumphs: In Morzine

substantial first run bandicap to win the men's world cup glant slalom here today and move up in the overall standings.

petitors.

unexpected 2—1 win at Chester-field and they will meet Notis with a simple side-footed goal. Hunter equalized at a corner on the half-hour, but Cooke was on target again in a goalmouth melee two minutes later. Peterborough had two men booked—Hodgson for dissent and Slough Carlisle United found their way through the swirling mist that enveloped the pitch and fought back to beat Mansfield Town, who took a 37th minute lead.

A had back-pass by Coughlin gave the Carlisle goalkeeper, Harrison, no chance and Pollard raced forward to place the ball in an empty net. raced forward to place the ball in an empty net.

Beardsley came to Carlisle's rescue in the 54th minute, when he scored from a pass from Bannon. In the 67th minute MacDonald, the Carlisle captain, picked up a pass from Haig and tucked it into the net for the winning goal.

Yesterday's results

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Athletics

Cosford event attracts 681 entries

A remarkable number of 681 entries has been received for the indoor athletics meeting at Con-ford on Friday and Saturday. The event, the traditional opening of the indoor season, sponsored by Phillps, has added interest this year because of the new track which has been laid at RAF Cos-ford.

The largest entry is in the men's 60 metres, in which 60 competitors will be involved in 10 beats. The leading contenders are expected to be the local runners, Ainsley Bennet, Eddie Cutting and Darren Bills.

Verona Elder and Sonia Lanna-man lead the women's list of.

RFU to 'sell' ground The Rugby Football Union are starting " an aggressive selling campaign" to try to use Twicken

Rugby League

a referee, will be running one of the lines at touch-judge in support of the British referee, Sinn Wall of Leigh. The team, already short of several players through injury, also lost Gary Hyde (Castleford) the goalkicking centre who pulled out injured from a training session this week. Paul Harkin, the Hull Kingston Rovers scrumbalf, mores up to replace the injured Holding, and into Harkin's original spot as reserve back comes Kevin Dick, of Leeds. IEAM: Mumby (Bradford Northern), Drummond (Leight: Gilbert (Featherstone Rovers; Whithfeld (Salford), Fenton (Castleford), Evans (Featherstone Ropers (Carleis), Harkin (Hull Kingston Rovers; S. C'Neill (Wigner, Finds), (Castleford), E. Case (Warning Castleford), E. Case (Warning Castleford), (Castleford), (Castlefor By Keith Macklin It is not beyond possibility that the Great Britain under-24 team to play France under-24 at Villeneuve on Saturday will have a front row called O'Neill. When the team was announced vesterday Stephen O'Neill (Wigan) and Paul O'Neill

A front row called O'Neill

(Salford) were named as prop-forward and hooker, and Widnes's forward and hooker, and Widnes's Mike O'Neill, the brother of Stephen, is one of the two substitute forwards from whom a late choice will be made. If O'Neill gets the nod and Warrington's Brian Case is somehow removed from the firing line Mike O'Neill would form a complete O'Neill trio of heavies.

Another family curio is that while Colin Whitfield (Salford) plays at centre his brother Rebin,

For the record

Ski jumping

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Ice hockey

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Latest snow reports from Europe

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Tennis

Strangers on the same side of the net

Tennis Correspondent Victor Amaya and Hank Pfister. whiter Americans, heat Frew McMillan and Christopher Mottram 6—4, 6—3, 6—4 in the first match of the World Championship Tennis doubles tournament, sponsored by Braniff Airways, at Olympia last evening. As McMillan and Mottram bad never before and Mottram had never before played on the same side of the net, the result was less surprising than the fact that their opponents won the French championship on slow clay in Paris last June.

slow clay in Paris last June.

Amaya and Pfister have a combined height of 12ft 11in and weigh in at more than 29 st. With a lean or a furch they seem capable of tracking almost anything that comes their way—and they give the ball a very sharp tap indeed. But as they showed in Paris and again last evening, there is much more to their tennis than poundage and power. True, the muscle helps. However, they also play smart, alert doubles, play smart, alert doubles, enlivened by Pister's capacity for finesse and the booming, swinging projectiles launched by Amaya's long left arm.

long left arm.
On this occasion, they served
well except for an occasional stutter and the rest of their games
fell neatly into place. Amaya demonstrated the resilient benefits
of being bot hig and left-handed
and Pfister had the confidence and touch to produce a few angles that even foxed McMillan, which is no easy thing to do. Pfister also pro-duced a volleyed lob that lingers in the memory.

Ar 38, McMillan is not quite as quick as he used to be. However, midway through the second set his cute brain and deceptive two-banded expertise began to threaten the Americans. The chal-

lenge was exanguished almost as soon as it was kindled. But one wondere dhow much closer the match night have been had Mc-Milan and Mottram been familiar partners.
They broke Amaya to lead 3—2 in the first set but lost seven of the sext eight games. They had two break points against Amaya

tennis championships, traditionally staged at Bournemouth and due

staged at Bournemouth and due m celebrate its golden jubilec this year, have been put in jeopardy by the withdrawal of the spoasor. It was aurounced vesterday that Kosset Carpets would not be taking up their option to promote the championships at the West Hants club, starting on April 20.

Dai Davies, the marketing director, said: "This decision is taken with regret and after considerable thought and discussion.

siderable thought and discussion

The economic climate means that every penny must go into direct promotion. Hopefully, when

things improve, we can again become involved in British

Crossley Carpets, part of the same organization, have already announced they will not be spon-

soring the women's international soring the women's received in June.
That event has been moved to
Nortingham, but so far no spousor

The hard court championships, once regarded as the most

side Wimbledon, have had a chequered history

The championships have had

three sponsors since 1976, and the event was not held in 1977 or 1979. Now it is in danger of being dropped from the British calendar once more. With the tournsment moved from September to.

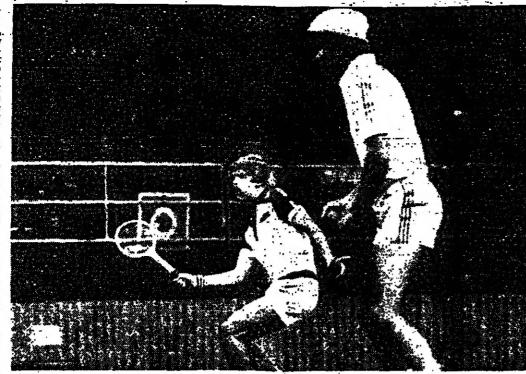
April, in an attempt to attract a stronger entry. Ittle time is left to been negotiations with another sponsor.

BOLOGNA: Charity inumament:

Borg (Sweden) beat B. Tarony
(Mungary) 6-3, 3-5, 6-0; J.
Clerc (Argeotina) bnot I. Nasiase
I Romania, 6-3, 7-2.

important home tournament

has been named.



In the frame: Mottram (left) seen through the racket of his partner McMillan.

in the reventh game of the second ser—and broke him again in the fourth game of the third. But what with game of the third. But what with game of the third but what with game of the third but what with game of the third been designed in consultation with a committee on penal reform. The second match was better, and break point against him until the last game of the match.

The repnis was also time to wonder whether the extraordipary outfits worn by the line judges (loose-fitting black with bars of white) had been designed in consultation with a committee on penal reform. The second match was better, but equally hrisk: a 6—4, 6—4 win by Heinz Gunthard and Mayer both wore black shorts and collected the second match was better. The tennis wasoften admirable but fell some way short of enchantment. There was time to notice the presence of two service linesmen, at opposite sides, with each man calling the shots on the most distant section of the

calf-length red socks and looked ready for beach games, but they were ready for temis too. They have impressive doubles records with other partners and now worked well in hardess.

Curren and Denton are a

Lakatos won the first set 6-

Lakatos won the first set 6—4
but was soon behind in the second,
losing it 6—3. Moore at that point
was the favourite but Lakatos
made fewer mistakes and won a
cautious third set 6—3.

BOYS' SINGLES: First round: D.
Shaw beat P. Fubini, 6—1. 6—1. A.
Castie best N. Granfeld, 3—5. 7—5.
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Pyat beat K. Hodges, 7—5. 6—5. 3—6. 6—5. N. Beedman boat S. Fanilles, 6—5. 1 N. Falwood beat R. Coull-Gifts, singles, First rouad; E. Jones beat J. Louis, 6—1. 6—4. 5. Gmer reat S. Davies, 6—1. 6—9. M. Woodthorpe beat M. Cass, 7—6. 6—3. A. Brown boat J. Farnish, 6—0. 6—5.

(US) 6—2. 6—3; R. Simpson best D. Biogler (US) 6—3; R. Simpson best D. Biogler (US) 6—3; S. Grand (US) 6—3; S. Grand (US) 6—3; S. Grand (US) 6—4; J. Simpson best R. Prawloy (Australia) 6—3; S. Grand (Australia) 6—4; S. Grand (

Champion's opener

New York, Jan 6.—Bjorn Borg, the defending champion, will meet

regular team but that could not quite compensate for what is currently a slight difference in class. Denton's overheads were potentially perforating, but had no more than a spasmodic if startling influence on the match. In some ways, these two should be the promoters' pets. They are graduates of the University of Texas: and Dallas is the headquarters of both WCT and Braniff. quarters of both WCT and Braniff.
Curren and Denton are not done
for yet. This was only the first
of four days in a round-robin
series before four teams qualify for Saturday's semi-flual round.

Authoritative Heath given Bournemouth event in little trouble by Shann jeopardy again For the third time in five years, the British hard court

By Lewine Mair In his first round in the Prudential junior covered courts championship at Queen's Club, London, Paul Heath, the top seed, was never given any trouble by the under-14 national champion,

the under-14 national champion, Bavid Shano.

In winning 6—1, 6—0, Heath played with an authority befitting one who has just returned from a month of tournament play in the United States. The railies were over quickly and, though Shana can look gifted when comparing in his own age group, he pering in his own age group, he must surely have been wishing resterday that his dyed golden hair was an amonymous shade of.

girl seed, was also up against one of the younger competitors. Miss Jones, aged 15, may look sullen on court and make a lot of noise, but the anser smach she sives. but the angry smack she gives a tennis ball makes her an exciting player to watch. She put Joanne Louis, just 13, in her place by letting some staring ground; shots to win the first set 6-1, but thereafter, had to work rather

Nicholas Fulwood, the number two seed, defeated Roderick Coult, of Essex, 6—4, 6—1, in a match which contained some of the best rallies of the day. At 4—4 in the first set Fulwood went shead after a same including a breathtaking point in which he got to three near impossible balls before passure his before hi

Eight women players with a mission

Landover, Maryland, Jau 6.—
Tracy Austin; Chris Lloyd, Andrea
Jaeger, Hana Mandlikova, Martina Navratilova, Virginia Ruzici,
Pam Shriver and Wendy Turnbull
—these eight top women players
in the world will be competing
against each other in the \$250,000

women's Masters tournament here women's Masters tournament here from tomorrow to Monday. Each woman has something dif-ferent to prove: Mrs Lloyd that she is still the champion she was; Miss Navratilova seeded fifth, low for her, that she is not losing her touch; Miss Razici, and Miss Turnbull that they are wore than ner touth; Mass Anne, an Mass Turnbull, that they are more than just solid players: Miss Austin, Miss Jaeger and Miss Shriver that they are here to stay in the world of tends; lastly Miss Mandlikova, the top seed here, that she is as much a star as she has looked. ABLAMB : South Australian open champlorships: R. Case boat P. Johnston 7-7, 4-6, 5-3; Drawett boat R. Fisher 1US: 6-4, 4-5; C. Lowis (NZ) beat P. Cash 6-3, 6-1; W. Pasco beat J. Deipute (US) 5-6, 5-3; E. Edwards /S Airics (NZ) beat U. Marten 1W Germany 5-7, 6-4, 4-4; J. Filagorate boat J. Smith (CB) 6-4, 1-1; Pilagorate boat J. Smith (CB) 6-4, 1-1; Pilagorate boat J. Smith (CB) 6-4; J. Filagorate boat J. Smith back to top-filight tennis this back to top-filight tennis this season after her brief retirement from the game, winning the round: W. Scardon (US) beat S. Dorberty (Australa) 5-7, 5-3; M. Fater (19) beat G. Perrovic for Miss Mandikova, who has so don. Miss Mandikova, who has so far improved her game under the shrewd eye of Berty Stove, reached the United States open final and finished the season top of the

The big titles cluded Miss Austin and Miss Navratilova. For each the season which ends with the Mastnear impossible balls before passing his opponent.

New York, Jan 6.—Bjorn Borg.

One of the more surprising loss Luis Clert in his opening morning defeat of Peter Moore by Anten Lakatos. Moore has only just returned to Britain after reaching the final of the under-14 section of a tournament in New York. Even if Moore was not at his best Lakatos deserved planty

Grand Prix standings.

Wimbledon prices up and facilities improved

By Rex Bellamy

The cost of a centre court seat during the last three days of the Wimbledon championships, to be played from June 22 to-july 4, has been raised from £8 to £11. Air Chief Marshal, Sir Brian Burnett, the chairman of the championships committee, said yesterday:
"There is a feeling that we have always undercharged for the last three days. We believe it still extremely good value with other major sport-

Seat prices on the two main Seat prices on the two main courts will again be increased every three days. All will cost more than they did a year ago, except for the last three days on court No 1. The ultimate price on the centre court shows the largest percentage increase, 37.5. But on court No 2, the combined cost of admittance to the grounds and a seat has been raised from £3.50 to £5, an increase of 42.8 per cent. The cost of admittance to the grounds, is unchanged at £2. Customers can expect slightly to the irounds, is unchanged at £2.

Customers can expect slightly less congestions on the promenades. Catering facilities will be relocated. There will be 1,250 more seats on court No 1, raising the seating capacity to 6,350, and possibly a larger stand overlooking court 14. Additional scoreboards on the promenades outside the main courts may further rethe main courts may further reduce congestion. Wimbledon still intend to restrict to 31,000 the crowd inside the grounds at any

crowd inside the grounds at any one time.

Wimbledon are spending about £2.75m on ground improvements. Apart from the public's extra seating, the immediate beneficiaries, at the southern end of Court No 1, will be the players (an enlarged restaurant, a new lounging area, and a relocated women's dressing room), the referee and umpires, and the ball hows and hall girls. Court No 1 referee and umpires, and the ball boys and ball girls. Court No 1 will also have new scoreboards, electronically controlled — the first stage of a system that will eventually improve information services, throughout the premises.

The prize maney for the seven services throughout the premises. The prize money for the seven main eyems, including the two plate competitions, has been increased by 8 per cent, from £75.579 to £27.796. The men's singles winner will receive £21,600, the women's £19,440. Only 16 players in each singles will earn more than the plate winners. Even when Wimbledon's £24,340 contribution to the grand prix bonus pool is included, the total of £322,136 falls a long way short of the announced figure of about £425,500 for the United States championships (which represents four times the maximum increase supposedly agreed by the organsupposedly agreed by the organ-izers of the four grand slam tournaments).
"I don't think we should slavishly follow what the Americans do, " Sir Brian said yesterday, "Big money does not neces-

day. "Big money does not neces-asrily bring you the best tourna-ment in the world. The prize money is already too high, but we think some increase is right, because of inflation and so on." Wimbledoa still refuse to accept the authority of the men's grand prix supervisors but, under pressure; have agreed that four supervisors may advise the referee and the chammonships committee and the championships committee on the grand prix rules and the code of conduct. The supervisors' spokesman will be Kurt Nielsen, which is a reminder that Wimble don have dropped the veterans' event because of the declining quality of the entry. As a conse-quence the maximum entries for the junior singles have been in-Local residents will be pleased Local residents will be pleased to know that in an effort to discourage the occasional musance of overnight queueing, Wimbledon will again sell all centre court seats in advance. Nor are any permanent structures envisaged—merely a "village" of marquees—by the four new courts

Over-rate culprits face Doshi heads fines in Australia

Oxlade's successful day

comes to painful end

From Dilip Rao Sydney, Jan 6

The Australian Cricket Board, when they meet here on January 14, will take strong measures against declining over rates, posagainst declining over rates, pos-sibly by introducing a system of fines. There were earlier moves in that direction, but legislation was stayed when state captains gave assurances that they would lift the pace of the game during the current summer.

But the tempo has fallen rather than been stepped up and officials of the board view declining over rates as one of the primary causes for crowds staying away from Shef-field Shield games and Test

matches.

In the circumstances, the board might also give consideration to reverting to the eight-ball over, used in Australia for many years, until the season of 1978-79. reduced the number of balls delivered during an hour. Australians consider a hundred to be the minimum acceptable limit.

In the third Test match between Australia and India which ended here on Swiday Australian. Australia and India which ended here on Sunday, Australian bowlers sent down 75 balls per hour of India's first innings and 81 in the second, during which the leg-spinner, Higgs, was expensively need against the wind. India delivered 80 balls per hour, and that despite Doshi, a spinner, bowling 27

Geelong, Jan 6.—New Zealand were made to toil by a spirited batting performance by Geelong and Districts on the opening day of their three-day match here today. The Victoria provincial team were 306 for five in their first innings at the close, but the day ended unhappily for their opening batsman, Peter Oxlade.

Oxlade had made the top score of 95 when he was forted to retire hurt 10 minutes before the end of the day. Richard Hadlee, the New Zealand pace bowler, hit him with two deliveries to the midriff and a third to the forehead. Oxlade, who batted without a helmet, was taken

over rates must fall on the bowlers. Dennis Lillee, for instance, marched up to his start in the mouner of a guardsman on parade and was recorded as taking three minutes and 34 seconds to get through an over. Kapil Dev took eight seconds less and both spinners finished a normal over (that is one in which there was no-excessive boundary-hiting) in less than three minutes.

Delays seem no be more pro-longed during the changeover of fields between overs and the don-ming, doffing and storage of the helmer by the short-leg fieldsman. The England series in Australia of 1954-55, the one made famous by Tyson and Statham, is often pointed to as the starting point of slow over rates in Test cricket. That may be historical fact, but it is interesting to compare cur-rent over rates with those achieved by Tyson. Statham, Loader and Bailey under Sir Leonard Hutton. They averaged 11 eight-ball overs per hour.

Procter captain again

Mike Procter will captain Gloucestershire for the fifth successive season in 1981. He will fly from South Africa for the annual meeting in Bristol on Pebruary 9 India delivered 80 balls per hour, and that despite Doshi, a spinner, bowling 27.

As far as this series is concerned, not all the blame for slow the Natal Cricket Association.

> fire in his opening spell, sent back Whitten in the first over, but as: Geelong recovered the touring

team seemed content to bowl short

Oxlade added 56 for the second wicket with Lynch, 79 for the fourth with Anderton, and 80 for

the sixth with Ward before he was

of a length to a defensive field.

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FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2--106, 4-186, 5-217

BOWLING to date: Hadler 19—1—67—1. Snedden 19—1—58—0. Calints 20—65—1. Chalfield 18—5—57—1. Bracewell 21—7—58—2.

Total: (5 wkis)

new spin attack From Dilio Rao Sydney, Jan 6

India's

Bishen Bedi and Bhagwat Chandrasekhar principal wicket-takers for India in their last series in Anstralia, three years ago, are in Abstrata, three years ago, are sitting by their wireless sets to follow India's present fortunes against Australia. In the first Test ar Sydney, India were hadly beaten and brought no joy to their sup-

Erapalli Prasanna, the third prong of India's celebrated spin attack of the late 1960s and 1970s, will be closer to the action. He will be closer to the action. He has recently made his home in Adelaide, where he plies his trade Adelaide, where he plies his trade as an electronics engineer. Bor the first time since England in 1967, India are on tour without any of that famous trio or their other, stalwart, Venkataraghavan, but are by no means a weak side. There has been a redistribution of strength and the Indians are a better balanced side than for a long time.

long time.

The pace bowlers now play a more prominent role, though by any modern Test standards India's newly-formed spin attack is still of considerable quality. The mantle of Bedi has fallen on Dilip Doshi, who took more than 100 nickets for Warwickshire last summer. An economical bowler, Doshi is the senior and the pick of three spinners in the tourning party.

The others are off spinners, but of different styles. Shivial Yaday, only 23, is a considerable spinner of the ball, but still in the process of the ball, but still in the process of perfecting control and acquiring subtlety. Even in his first Test, last winter, he showed courage in his preparedness to flight the ball, not least when under attack. The other off-spinner, 'Kirti Azad, is of a much quicker kind. It is not, however, his bowling that has earned him his first tour, for he is also a lively hareman. for he is also a lively batsman. Sumil Gavaskar, the captain, will not be displeased with the con position of his attack, for he is biased towards the scamer. For the sake of entertainment, however. it is boped that Viswapath. ins vice captain and brother in-taw can influence him to strike a more even balance.

more even balance.

Gavaskar is captaining India on tour for the first time, although he did have one victorious Test abroad, in New Zealand, when he was Bedi's second in command. The Sydney defeat ended his unbeaten record of 18 Tests as Captain, not all of them in a row, thanks to his frequent jousts with the officialdom of Indian cricket.

batted without a belmet, was taken to hospital for observation. He had been the cornerstone of Geelong's consistently effective effort against a New Zealand side whose out-cricket was marked by casual fielding and dropped

Badminton

Delfs beaten in semi-final

Copenhagen, Jan 6.-Britons and Indonesian men are set to dominate the finals of the \$12,500 Copenhagen Cup inter-national tournament. Hadianto, of Indonesia,

arches. Hadlee, showing pace and

hard-fought battle over Flemming Delfs of Deumark in yesterday's semi-final round, although Delfs took the first set 17—16. Arterwards Delfs seemed to lose his eye, for the lines and Hadiauto prevailed, 15—6, 15—10. Denmark's Morten Frest suffered a similar setback after a 15—11 success in the first set over Pongoh of Indonesia, Pongoh recovered to win.

Three victories for Hall By Richard Streeton Darren Hall, of Chingford, who

is coached by his cousin, Ray Stevens, the national champion, won three titles yesterday in the under-15 English national

the under-15 English national junior badminton championships at the Watford leisure centre. The girls' singles went to Sue Louis, of Exmouth, the first Devonian to win a title at this tournament, which is sponsored by Friends' Provident.

Today the foor-day under-18 event gets under way. Once again the overall standard so far this week has been high. If previous history is anything to go by, all the individual winners and several others among the 330 entries should go on to represent England at sexior level. Since the chamat senior level. Since the cham-pionships were launched with the under-18 event in 1949-50, they have provided England with 45 international players, including 11 title winners at the all-England

in an exciting boys' final by 15-5, 13-15, 15-10. Both players, the top seeds, used the whole court and shared some exciting railles. Hall, conceding height and reach, sometimes made things harder for himself by playing too short but he was usually steadier at crucial moments. moments.

Miss Louis. a sturdy, strong hitter, displayed a calm temperament as she came from way behind in each game to best Natalie Roope, of Frimley, by 12—10, 12—10. In the first game Miss Louis was 2-10 down and in the second she was 6—10 down and in the second she was 6—10 down. Each time she retrieved magnificently and varied her tactics shrewdly against an opponent who, though she looked hetter technically and hit some good winners. made too many costly under pressure.

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Racing

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1.0 JANUARY HURBLE (Handicap: Selling: £486: 2m)

3-1 Ories Farm, 4-1 Bontless, 5-1 Roander, 13-2 Chaperon, 7-1 Winkir Fields, 8-1 Julie Simone, 10-1 Madison Square, 14-1 others. 1.30 SLEAFORD HURDLE (Div I: Novices: £552: 2m) 2.0 HORNCASTLE CHASE (Novices: £1,291: 2m)

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Helio Louis, 10-1 Turk, Merry Crown, 12-1 Tangle Lad, 16-1 others.

3.0 SLEAFORD HURDLE (Div II: Novices: £552 : 2m) 502 00-2 543 00/e23-0 3-1 Rubber Less, 4-1 Archic Tribune 9-2 Swing the Axe, 11-2 Falkland Palace, 7-1 Gold Shoveler, 10-1 Abushile Venture, 12-1 Bergl's Gift, 14-1 others. 3.30 LINCOLN OPPORTUNITY CHASE (Handicap: £1,409

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Red Mills can win for Dickinson

By Michael Phillips

Racing Correspondent ... Michael Dickinson spreads his wings far and wide today in the hope of increasing his already impressive tally in his first season as a trainer. He will have runners at both Carlisle and Market Rasen and no one should be surprised if he has winners at both courses. Having beaten Skewsby by six lengths at Wetherby on Boxing Day, Red Mills is likely to start as hor favourite to win the Brampton Opportunity Handicap Hurdle at Carlisle. Skewsby, after beating Botamist at Doncaster six beauty botans at Doncater six days earlier; was clear favounte to win at Wetherby, but Dickin-son's belief that Red. Mills could win was duly upheld. Show of Hands, Dickinson's runner in the first division of the Sleaford Novices Hurdle at Market Pagen won on the flar at New-Rasen, won on the flat at New-castle and Thirsk last year when he was trained by Jeremy Hindley. He now has a good chance to make a successful start to his jumping career, because his opposition this afternoon looks very weak. Kenlis, another Dickinson horse, cap Steeplechase.

cap Steeplechase, which is the most valuable race of the day. Last season he won two of his three races, finishing second in the other, and I am convinced that he would have been in the shake-up at Leicester last month had he not fallen at the third last force. Trasus had some good had he not fallen at the third last fence. Tragus, had some good form once, but he did not run well enough ar Fontwell Park last week to encourage me to think that he will beat Bryan Boru now. This has been a memorable season for Jenny Pitman, who trains in Upper Lambourn and landed her first treble at Worcester only last Saturday. Yesterday, however was definitely not cester only last Saturday. Yesterday, however was definitely not
one of her better days.

In the morning her appeal
against Monry Python's disqualification at Fontwell Park last week
was turned down by the Jockey
Club's disciplinary stewards in
London. Mrs Pitman then hurried
off to the same Sussey course to off to the same Sussex course to see the same horse run in the Robert Gore Memorial. Steeplechase.

Chase.

She expected him to win, but again she was disappointed because Monty Python did not jump particularly well and in the end he was put firmly in his place by both Medoc and Abo. In my opinion Abo would have won if he had not clouted the third last fence and all but unshipped his young rider, Gary Moore. Indeed Moore did extremely well to even get back in the saddle and it was not until he had jumped the uext fence that he regained his stirrups.

Ouay, who started ravourite, never looked like catching Grey Fusilier.

I suspect that Dewy's Quay may have been unnerved after slipping up on the flat on his last visit to the same course only a week earlier.

Grey Fusilier has a remarkable pedigree for a steeplechaser. He is by Track Spare, who won the Middle Park Stakes over six furlongs at Newmarket, and out of Petite Path, who was fast enough to win the Queen Mary Stakes at Royal Ascot and the Ayr Gold Cup.

Another mistake at the last finally pot paid to Abo's chance of catching Medoc. Steve Smith Eccles seized on Abo's misfortune to take the prize on Medoc, who was nearly put down 18 months ago because he had been lame for a year. Medoc is owned by an American, Peter Thompson, who would have flown from his home in Maryland to see Medoc run if his trainer. Tim Forster, had not put him off the day before because of a bad weather forecast.

of a bad weather forecast.

Mr Thompson originally bought Medoc so that he could give Charlie Ferwick, his good friend and fellow American, some experience of race riding in this country before what turned out to be his triumphant attempt to win the Grand National last year on Ben. Nevis. Now, in spite of being lame from time to time, Medoc is beginning to pay his own way at last. Smith Eccles also honed to win Smith Eccles also hoped to win the Petworth Handicap Steeple-chase, but his mount, Dewy's Quay, who started favourite, never looked like catching Grey Fusilier.

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from his Catterick error

David Wilkluson, who lost the race after winning at Catterick Bridge on Raemac last Thursday when he failed to weigh in, made no mistake at Stockton vesterday when the 4-1 chance. Caroline Lamb, took the first division of the Shotten Novices Hurdle. Caroline Lamb, who easily accounted for the 7—4 favourite, Home Ground, by three lengths, took up the running approaching the last. This time Wilkinson was sharply reminded to weigh in. to weigh in.

Caroline Lamb is home bred by the mother of Sally Hall, the trainer, and beat some possible Express Triumph Hurdle hopes in the race. Miss Hall said: "That's eight winners this season for me from just nine horses. Caroline Lamb was highly strong when rac-ing on the flar, but seems to have calmed down now." Charlotte Saville-Deane, a one-

horse permit holder, landed her first winner when Sanskritik (11-1) beat Mee's Manute by five lengths in the Blackhall Selling Handicap Hurdle. Sanskritik, who cost 1,600 guineas at the Newmarket Sales, provided some consolation for Miss Saville-Deane, as her first horse, Bingo Liz, had to be put down on the course with a broken hip. Sanskritik, always jumping boldly. led approaching the last and went on to win easily. Sanskritik was bought in for 1,100 guineas.

2.50 12.56; PULBORDUGH HURDLE

(Div 1)* (Novices: £553: 2'4m)

LADY MONTEGNA, b f, by Andrea

Maniegna—Grand Central (Mrs

L. Flowers), 1-10-5

M. Floyd (7-1), 1

Anex ... A. Webb 13-1 lay; 2

Trampiler ... A. Turnell 15-11 3

5.0 (3.5) PETWORTH CHASE (Handl-Cap: 21,576: 2° an 110yd) GREY FUSILER, q. g. by Track Spare—Felle Path (T. Hayward) 5-10-5 ..., 5. Shilston (7-2) 1 Quoen af the Bogs A. Webber (12-1) 2 S. Emilia Rection tallow of the TOTE: Wim. 38p; places, 16p, 26p, Dual F: El.64. CSF: 54.28. Mrs. N. Smith, at Chithester. 8i. 1'sl. Shackleton's File: (14-1) 4ih. 7 ran.

Wilkinson learns | Carlisle programme 12.45 HAYTON CHASE (Handicap: £802: 2m) 03-000 Polars Smarlis (D), R. Goldic, 10-11-5 R. Lamb 332040 Only Money, G. Richards, 10-11-2 R. Berry 21-3210 Durham Las (D), T. Fairbursi, b-10-10 C. Fairbursi, pe-0e00 Sorder Brig (CD), R. Brewis, 10-10-3 C. Pimiot 031-104 Old Meed (D), J. Dodds, -20-0 Mr. F. Craest 22-0e00 Roman King (D), F. Walson, 10-10-0 S. Tharlion Dr Gauleline (CD), W. Fairgrieve, 5-10-0 S. Tharlion Dr Gauleline (CD), W. Fairgrieve, 5-10-0 S. Tharlion Money, 10-1 Bordor Byig, 14-1 Roman King. 1.15 BRAMPTON BURDLE (Handican: 5547: 2m 330vd) 14/20-1 Red Mills, M. Dickinson, 8-13-4 ... C. Bell 5
7 3/3313 Thomson's Poissy, G. Lockerbie, 7-11-3 ... S. Houlker
8 00/0000 Gai Lad, N. Bycroit, 7-11-0 ... A. Stringer of
10 0000-0 Steel Flight, M. Cousins, 8-10-10 ... In Harrin 5
11-00 Modesa, T. Craig, 5-10-5 ... T. Davies
13 11004-2 Precious Poirs, W. Halpin 5-10-8 ... T. Davies
14 000000 Ranning Deep, W. Faltpirrer, R. 10-5 ... W. 19/20/1 6
16 000000 Ranning Deep, W. Faltpirrer, R. 10-5 ... W. 19/20/1 6
11-4 Red Mills, 3-1 Thomson's Policy, 9-2 Precious Prira, 13-2 Nodans, 4-1
Ledige, 9-1 Steel Flight, 16-1 sibars. 1.45 LUCIUS CHASE (Handicap: £1,452: 3m) ..

2.15 NAWORTH HURDLE (Div I: Novices: £470: 2m 330yd)

22100 Captain Parkhill, B. McLeen, 8-11-7 S. Chariton, 0-0002n Amazon Ruler, R. Jeffrey, 8-11-0 Mrs. G. Roys 4 O07016 Automation, W. A. Stenhenson, 7-11-0 R. Lamb 313-004 Sitter End, D. McCain, 7-11-0 W. Beardwood 7 O00004 Canker Ville, J. Charlton, 6-11-0 Mrs. D. Kinsellas Option Guille Run, G. Fairbolin, 7-11-0 Mrs. D. Kinsellas Option Guille Run, G. Fairbolin, 7-11-0 Mrs. D. Kinsellas Option Guille Run, G. Fairbolin, 7-11-0 Mrs. D. Kinsellas Option Guille Run, G. Fairbolin, 7-11-0 Mrs. D. Goulding Option Control Conference Confere

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1		Black Ray, E. Owen Jun. 5-11-12 N. Belmer
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7	00	Posskoon (B). B. McLran, 5-11-0 S. Chartier
ġ	000	Sir Margae, W. Reed. 5-11-0
1	000	Dorothy Kate, S. Norton, 4-10-0

Carlisle selections

By Our Racing Correspondent By Our Racing Correspondent 12.45 Durham Lad. 1.15 Red Mills. 1.45 Master Brutus. 2.15 Ocean Cruise. 2.45 Handycuff. 3.15 His Reverence.

Market Rasen selections

By Our Racing Correspondent 1.0 Roander, 1.30 Show Of Hands, 2.0 Spin Again, 2.30 Bryan Boru, 3.0 Arctic Tribune, 3.30 Kenlis.

might have beaten Prince Bid at Worcester in November had he not completely misjudged the very last fence. That error knocked all the stuffing out of him and he tired on the run-in. Golden Jest looks his principal danger in today's Lincoln Opportunity Handl-Earlier in the day Bryan Boru should win the Stamford Handi-

12.45 (12.46) SNOTTON NURBLE (Div 1: 4-y-p novices: £345: 2m 17-bvd)

(Handkrap: £1.385 2'sm)

KING VULTURE b 9. by Osprey
Hawk—Baltynice (C. Masterson).
H-10-2 N Doughly (7:1) 1
Seiby A Brown (5:1) 2
Even Melody C. Hawking (8:1) 3
TOTE: Win, £1.45, plees, 20p. 27b.
hp. Dual F: £2.04, CSF: £2.61, G.
Richards... at Groystoke. 1-k, 2'sl.
Mutray's Gilh (19-4 [20]) 4th, 9 ran.
NR: Airparts Flyet.

Stockton results

2.15 (2.32) EASINGTON HURDLE (Handicap: £860; 2m 176yd) ANOINTED, b g, by Crowned Prince
—Sim Ageis (Mrs L. Kitchingmant, 5-11-5 v, R. Barry (15-2)
Spiendid Agala

N. Balmer (100-50 72)
Kilburn Boy P. A. Charlion (7-1)
Are Princo S. J. O'Nelli (15-2)

CAPOLIME LAMB, or f. by Holfoot
-Young Lamb (Mrs T. Haff).
11-5 ... D. WHKINSON (4-1) 1
Home Ground
Mr T Rasterby (7-1 [av] 2
Snow Blessed P A Charmon (10-1) 3 Show Biessen P. A. Charmon (10-1) 3 TOTE: Win, 35p; places, 21p. 12a. 47p, Dual F: 32p. CSF 21,21, Miss S. Hall. at Middletham, 31, 35, Noddy's Ryde (14-1) 4th, 17 ran, NR: Governor's Camp

TOTY: WM. 50p. Llares. 12p. 107, 17p. 33p. Dual 1: C1-45. CSF: 27.75. G. Richards, al. Greystoke. 31. 31. 21. 2.15 (2.55) SEAHAM CHASE (Novices: 2074; 3m 3lyd)
GO WIMPY, ch g, by Richboy—
Onex (10k3) J. & D. Lid.;
n-11-6 Wild J. & D. Lid.;
Rugning Wild J. R. Lamb (5-1) 1
Rugning Wild J. R. Lamb (5-1) 2
G. Cran; (100-50 fav) 3
TOTE: Win, Sun; pleces, LSs, Son. C. Savilic Drane, at Malton, 51.

Saron de Helland (3-1 fav. ath.

an. Winner was bought for 1.100

River May 1.

(1.39) NARYLEPOOL CHASE

andicap: \$1.385 2 m.

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vulture b g, by Osprey

wk—Ballynic (C. Masterson),

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A Rown (3-1) 2

Melody (C. Hawking (8-1) 3

STATE OF GOING cofficials: Merket Rism: Good to son Cartisle: Heavy. Tomorrow: Linguidi Part: Chase courte, good to soil, Hurdles course, soil. Taunion: Good.

TOTE: Win. £1.81; places, 529, 219, 1.9. Dual F: \$9.26. CSF; £6.16. Miss A. Sinciair, at Lewes, 2-1, 31. Toyco :5-1; 4th. 12 ran. NR: Nortolk Dance.

Fontwell Park

1.30 (1.31) LIDSEY MURDLE (Handicap: Selling: £585: 21,m)
GLEN WISE, b m. by Fair Decision—Gien Paven (M. Burrow).
5-10-2 ... R. Rovell (10-1) 7
Double Meader ... G. Old (11-1) 2
Allenstown, ... G. Gorcey 126-1) 3
TUTE Yun 21,37: places, 20p. 35p.
35p. Dual F. £4.15. CSF: £11.51.
B: Wise at Polegare. 21, 21, Vagabond Victor 100-30 lav. Further Folly (81) 115, 12 ran. Winner was bought for 880 gns.

2.0 (2.1) ROBERT GORE CHASE (Randicap: 62.072; 3'ani 11: 11 MEDOC, ch g. by Perspect—1 .
Archive (P. Thompson: 2-10-7 S. Smith Eccles (5-2 lat) 1
Ass . G. Moore (7-2: 2
Monty Python . B. Smart (11-4) 3
TOTE: Win. 21b; places, 18p. 26p.
Dual F: Jón. CSF: 21.10. T. Forsker, al Wantare. 24. 21. Tight Schedule (50-1) 4th. 6 ran.

TOTE: Win. 79: planes, 28p. 21p. 20p. Duaf F: Cl. 91. CSF: £3.55. D. Laing, at Newbury, 31. 151. New Harbour (12-1, 4th. 18 ran. NR: Chinese Takeaway. Bowy's Quay S. Emith Ecclos (11-10 fav) 3 5. Emith Ecclos (11-10 fav) 3

3.30 (5.56) PULBOROUGH HURDLE (Div il. novices: £552; 2'4m)

SANDHAVEN, ch e. by Sandlord Lad—Phobos (ar. 16-2 if., Musson), 4-10-0 Mussen 1, 2-10-0
A. Turnell (10-1) 1
Light Snacks .. M. O'Halloran (5-1) 2
Corrib Lad Mr. T. Thomson Jones (12-1) 3 Mr. T. Thomson Jones (12-1) 3 TOTE. Win, 77n; places, 15p. 24o, 45n. Dual F: 25,07. CSF: 24,40. D. Grisseri, at Heathfield, 2-1, 101, Win-abit 16-8, 4av 4-th; 30 ran. JACKPOT: £10.561,15 to \$0p stake, PLACEPOT: £154,95. Pool of £13,276.88 carried forward to Market Rappy bods.

2.45 WALTON CHASE (Novices: £966: 2m)

14030 Paydor Horn (F), W. E's y, 4-10-0 A. Film 00 Tara Coon, J. Hursl, 4-10-0 P. Mannar 0-1 Ruste-laway, 3-1 His Reverence, 4-1 High Hills 7-1 Powder Horn, 10-1 King Black, 12-1 Dorothy Kate, 14-1 Avon Melody, 16-1 offers, How the American approach to the Middle East will change under the new administration

Mr Reagan's goodies and baddies

As Mr Ronald Reagan's inauguration draws closer, Arab and Israeli leaders are asking them-Israeli leaders are asking themselves what policy the new President is likely to pursue in the Middle East. Top of the new administration's list of problems are Iran, the Gulf War and Afghanistan. But the Arabisraeli dispute remains in the centre of the stage, both for the Americans and (judging by the Araband Israeli press) for Arab and Israeli press) for those directly involved:

those directly involved:
Before the presidential elecjon, the conventional wisdom
in Arab capitals—and for that
matter in Jerusalem—was that
if Mr Carter won he would
track down hard on the Israelis
to get Camp David moving
again. Camp David moving
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to few foreign policy achievements the President could point
to, and he was said to be impatient with the obduracy of the tient with the obduracy of the Begin Government over the sticky issue of Palestinian autonomy. The recent Begin Cabinet decision—under. United States pressure—not to back a private bill formally annexing the Golan Heights is seen as an example of the kind of influ-ence Washington can bring to bear if it chooses to.

The question is whether Mr Resgan will choose to. His views in so far as he is known to have any on the subject—are pro-Israeli. He tends to see things in terms of the little guy (Israel) against the big bullies (the Arabs) or in biblical terms; David against Goliath. On an emotional level Mr. Reagan admires the Reagan admires the ge, hardiness and selfsufficiency of the Israelis and regards the Arabs as devious and inefficient.

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Even if this picture is only partially accurate, it would seem to augur for a Reagan sympathetic to the policy sympathetic to the Israeli point of view. Judging from remarks made by Dr Henry Kissinger on his current Middle East rour, Israel and Egypt are to be the cornerstone of the new administration's strategic picture of the region. Dr Kissinger has no official role, but his views will carry great weight where the Middle East is concerned. He has repeatedly said during his has repeatedly said during his tour that the United States should adopt a "higher profile" in the region by increasing its land and naval strength.
The Reagan style is to be tough, determined, even aggressive, and Dr Kissinger's present function is to give an impression of purpose while the Reagan team works out what this will mean in practice. It may mean—according to the nominated National Security Adviser, Mr Richard Allen—the United States taking over two Israeli air bases in Sinai (Eitam and Etzion) before they come under Egyptian control in 1982, although President Sadat would be less than enthusiastic.

In any case increasing the United States military presence



Dr Kissinger, forecasting a "higher United States profile". . .

provoke the Soviet Union into stepping up its forces in response. Any president has to Middle East goes hand in hand account the constraints

The main stumbling block is the Palestine Liberation Organization. No Israeli government in the region could merely take into account the constraints

with the need for guaranteed oil supplies. It is clearly in the American interest to cultivate friendship with a range of Arab states, and to maintain arms supplies to countries such as Saudi Arabia, especially after the loss of Iran as a bastion of United States influence in the Gulf.

A further complication is that although the Reagan administration is committed to making Camp David work, there is no obvious way forward at the moment. The option most favoured is one which brings. Jordan into the peace process.

The sharp divisions in the Arab world over the Gulf War have made this a more likely development than previously by creating a Jordanian-Iraqi alli-ance with powerful resources and a desire to make history. Mr Reagan has described Jordan as "the key to a Middle East settlement", which suggests that he approves of King Husain's rumoured plan for a transitional Jordanian-Israeli federation on the West Bank leading to Palestinian selfdetermination.

not even a Labour one, should Mr Begin lose this year's general election—can deal openly with the PLO. It may be that the "initiative" of the European powers, begun at the EEC Venice summit last June, will eventually provide a formula for the inclusion of the PLO in peace talks on terms acceptable to the United States. On the other hand, if Dr Kissinger's attack in Jerusalem on European "interference with American efforts" is anything to go by, the Americans thing to go by, the Americans under Mr Reagan are likely to be just as suspicious of European "initiatives" as they have been under Mr Carter. Mr Reagan's Secretary of State, Mr Alexander Haig (assertation) Reagan's Secretary of State, Mr Alexander Haig (assuming he survives his forthcoming grilling by the Senate) is a man whose views on the Middle East are close to those of the President-elect. Mr Haig told the Zionist Organization of America in 1979 that the United States must never recognize or negotiate with the PLO "as long as it advocates views incompatible

advocates views incompatible with the peace process." Mr Reagan-more blumtly-described the PLO during the election campaign as "a bunch of thugs clever enough to get the word liberation into their name" who had gained fame name" who had gained fame (or notoriety) by "murdering children". In part this was campaign rhetoric aimed at the Jewish vote. But it was also heartfelt, and not at all un-typical or unrepresentative of the style many Americans want and expect from their new

stick to singing, you should have seen the shots that were edited out. I tell you, there were times when the sound engineer had to turn his recording

machine off completely, because he was being deafened by the noise of the members of Wentworth Golf Club shooting themselves at the sight of what Placido was doing to their precious course; it was not so

I know such statements are

he is the greatest lyric tenor

now living. Even Pavarotti

mining)

golfing as opencast

Richard Owen

Can Lord Carrington win on all fronts in '81?

Carrington! (Everyone wants to know With his features of aristo

And his hopes so high And his jokes so spry And his conversation,

nicely Restricted to What Precisely
And If and Perhaps and But.
(with apologies to T. S. Eliot)

If there is one senior member of the Government from whom things seemed to go right in 1980 and for whom the new year brings prospect of continuing sucress it is the Foreign Secretary. It is someforeign Secretary. It is some at thing of a paradox, because as any television viewer can hardly fail to be aware, the world became a much worse place last year, and there is little or no sign of it becoming better this year.

But the point about foreign policy is that it thrives on adversity. Lord Carrington adversity. Lord that way. One of the problems of being Foreign Secretary these days is that there is so little time to think. Everything happens so fast that the Foreign Office's energies are mainly directed to reacting to events—the invasion of Afg. hanistan, the Iran-Iraq war, the threat to Poland.

Lord Carrington has had his successes, the most notable, of course, being the constitutional settlement and ceasefire which led to elections in Zimbabwe. It was fortunate indeed that this triumph (as it turned out) came at the start of his tenure at the Foreign Office, for it has certainly set the imprint on British disclomacy of getting

At a time when the art of conducting foreign policy lies to a large extent in making British influence felt without the means—military or econo-mic—to back it, in other words running diplomacy on a shoe-string, the settlement in Zim-babwe has ensured Britain is

taken seriously. It was, all the same, a great relief to the good lord, as Mr Mugabe used sarcastically to refer to him, in the days before guerrilla hostility so suddenly blossomed into comradely friendship, to turn away from southern Africa, and look at the wider world.

meaningless, but I cannot help thinking that it is true: surely In the past year Lord Carrington went to Turkey, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Pakistan and seems to me, for all the caressing beauty of his voice, to lack the drama that Domingo's adds, and there is a India (January), Bonn,
Romania, Malaysia, Singapore
(February, March), Portugal,
Salisbury (April), Washington,
Vienna, Venice (EEC) and (Nato) (May, June), Venezuela, Barbados, Sweden, Finland, Ankara Brazil, Venezuela, Barbados, Mexico, Sweden, Finland, Saudi Arabia (July, August), and so on through the rest of the year, plus some 20 EEC meetings abroad.

The other principal achievement of the past year, hesides Zimbabwe's independence, was sorting out Britain's contribu-tion to the EEC budget. This most troublesome and politically sensitive question occupled far too big a slice of the Secretary perforce leaves the Foreign Secretary's time. Now cut and thrust of parliamenthat it is out of the way, there tary debate to his junior ministra a good chance, for the first ters, while the deferential time, of playing a constructive role in the Community (sounds of hollow laughter off stage in

Paris and Bonn). In reality, this is a prime, being another very difficult objective of domestic policy in year, in which Lord Carring-1981. Unless the EEC is seen ton's energies will be fully by the British public as a stretched. He is an activist, he by the British public as a really worthwhile and beneficial part of British life, opinion will never come round to supporting it. Lord Carrington wants to "get results." As Britain is in the chair in the second half of the year, there is a chance of giving a lead. The trouble is that however much good is done in the EEC, in the kind of unspectacular. in the kind of unspectacular, day-to-day cooperation which is

situation. Along comes the farm price review—and either the farmers are angry or the consumers are up in arms, or

Probably the overriding objective of the new year, however, is the wider question of repairing transatlantic rela-tions. The Prime Minister and Foreign Secretary have an early opportunity of meeting President Reagan in Washing-ton at the end of February as the first European leaders to go there after he takes office. The great thing about the new administration, so officials Whitehall believe, is that Britain and all the other allies,

will be dealing with a President who knows where he stands. It is a point likely to be appreciated in Moscow, too. The alliance faces two obvious challenges. One, that events in Afghanistan and the Gulf have shown that whatever the treaty may say, Nato's in-terests go far beyond its geo-graphical limits. And two, graphical limits. And two, managing the cost and effec-tiveness of defence with an American administration com-

mitted to higher spending. On the Middle East, Lord Carrington is certainly follow-ing his own line in propound-ing so strongly the European ing so strongly the European "initiative" to draw the Palestine Liberation Organization into the peace process. Whether the Europeans will get anywhere, and if so whether the PLO leadership will turn from guerrilla tactics. (like Mr Mugabe) to states-manship, are questions for the

future. For the time being it may be noted that Lord Carrington has badly upset the Israelis. And it rather looks as if he is taking virtually the opposite approach from his tactics over Rhodesia, ciple, as he saw it, of making absolutely sure that he kept the confidence of the people he wanted to budge. Some ear-nest talking will be needed when Mr Shimon Peres comes to London.

Overall, Lord Carrington likes to take a practical approach to foreign policy. For instance, on the residual colonial problems of the Falkland Islands, Belize and Gibraltar. he has put in hand practical proposals which may perhaps solve them in measurable time. Possibly the emphasis on the practical leads to errors of judgment, too. Popular support for the Brandt report and help to the Third World in general seems to have been underestimated. When commercial contracts and human rights pull in different directions, as in countries like Chile; the resulting compromise leaves a sense of unease.

There has not been much criticism on foreign offairs, a situation which may change with the arrival of the aggressive Mr Healey as Opposition spokesman. One of the consequences of being in the upper house is that the Eoreign questioning he faces in Select Committees would, most of it, hardly trouble a 10-year-old.

Nineteen-eighty-one loof-s like enjoys the jeb, his sense of humour is always close to the surface. No wonder everybody wants to me-t him, as he jets around the globe.

David Spanier Diplomatic Correspondent

The article "A new light on the Nativity" (December 24) stated that Jews could not go to school in prewar Poiand. That is incorrect.

Bernard Levin

How could I have doubted Hoffmann?

Where The Teles of Hoffmann where the lates of nonmant is concerned, I have a bizarre psychological problem; I am under the extraordinary misapprehension that I don't like it, though in fact I do. Well, I should count myself a great booby if I didn't; nevertheless, I almost invariably approach it with reluctance, convinced that I am bored by it, yet the moment the music starts I realize that I think it is one of the least boring operas in the reperpoire, and indeed that I always have thought as much. Only the fact that I saw it in Salzburg in August drove this curious myth from my mind while I was on my way to the new Covent Garden produc-tion; there had not been time for the earlier performance to fade from the memory, and for the first time since I saw it for the first time I was eager to get to my seat. Perhaps I have unwittingly achieved that most desirable aesthetic Nirvana, the ability so to forget a masterpiece that every per-formance of it has the effect of a first meeting. But if so,

Well, never mind; I may be odd, but I am not so odd that I fail to see in The Tales of Hoffmann an extraordinary artistic accident from which sprang a rightly treasured work. The combination of work. The combination of Hoffmann and Offenbach is strange enough; the haunted Bohemian, who drank himself to death at the age of 46, represented Romanticism at its most intense (for all that he was born in the year of the Declaration of Independence and the Wealth of Nations), yet provided the stories which enabled the Second Empire's greatest composer of operettas of The Brothers Karamazov by writing a masterpiece that transcended his limitations and compelled history to take him seriously at last. It was as if Beethoven had turned The Good Soldier Schweik into an opera with a libretto by Ibsen.

Let me not to the marriage of true minds admit impedi-ment; if I did admit it, though, ment; if I did admit it, indeger there would be an even bigger impediment than the sheer improbability of the genesis of Hoffmann. Offenbach died Hoffmann. Offenbach died before he had completed the

vocal score, let alone the orchestration, though nobody knows exactly what he had and had not done, much less what he intended. Every version extant is corrupt in countless ways, and some malignant fate, probably conjured into being by the tormented shade of Hoffmann himself, has seen to it that most of the early evidence was destroyed by fire or drowned deep in a quagmire of copyright. No two productions use the same music all through, nor can any two producers agree on the ideal order of the scenes; for a century, opera-houses all over the world have been running through the per-mutations, and have nowhere near exhausted them yet.

But the moment the overture begins, I stop thinking how unlikely it is that Offenbach-intended it to sound like that, cease to care what cuts will have been made in what fol-lows, or what normally unperformed matter will have been inserted on this occasion, I no longer even wonder whether we shall have Giuletta before Antonia or vice versa; I am swept at ouce into the heart of the most perfect dream in all music, surrendering to its intoxication, accepting it on its own extravagant and impossible terms, falling — no, eagerly throwing myself — under the most potent spell in all opera.

I have seen some exceptionally fine Hoffmanns in my time, but 1980 was assuredly my Hoff-

mannic annus mirabilis. After the Salzburg production by Jean-Pierre Ponnelle, which I think one of the most imaginative and beautiful operatic miss-en-scène of my time. I could not see how John Schlesinger's Covent Garden version could be shything but a disappointment, and so it would have been if Mr Schlesinger had tried to achieve the same effect as Ponnelle. But of course he didn't: why should he? His production, though less spec-tacular, was more interesting and coherent, a dark, almost bitter, reading that could fairly be described as more Hoffmann than Offenbach, whereas Ponnelie's fragile fairy tale was decidedly the other way round. The double experience within a few months was a forceful re-minder of the inexhaustibility of works like this; neither

any unseemly liberties with the opera, and their versions were strikingly different, yet no one could deny that everything both directors had found in the opera-was certainly there before they set to work on it. But what made the comparison of these two memorable

versions so much more exciting than the usual study of similarities and differences among productions was that the Hoffmann in both of them was Placido Domingo, the well-known golfer (if you saw that television programme, in which he was soundly thrashed from the first hole to the eighteenth by the Divine Songbird—Kiri is as skilled a performer with the No 5 iron as she is with the epiglottis, though she was modest enough to admit that minder of the inexhaustibility she couldn't have done it with-of works like this; neither out her caddle—and came to Ponnelle nor Schlesinger took the conclusion that he ought to

firmness of the line running through it, like a steel cable encased in soft insulation, that gives it a quality I have rarely heard since Patzak (a most notable Hoffmann in his day, incidentally — which reminds me that it is high time Domingo sang Florestan). It's a killer of a part; the golf-scene, was shot on the morning after the first night of Hoffmann, and Placido looked exhausted, as well he might. But when I saw him as he came off the stage last week he was still afire from the music and looked as though he could go straight back on, after nothing but a couple of glasses of champagne, and sing it all again. As far as performers are concerned, The Tales of Hoffmann has one serious drawback; the diminuendo of the last scene means that the audience's mood is inevitably somewhat hushed at the final curtain-fall. But the spell had not broken, and the flowers rained down on him from the gods as he took his calls. Some-how I think these two produc-

Luciana Serra and Placido Domingo in the Covent Garden production of The Tales of Hoffmann.

LONDON DIARY

Low profile Leon in the firing line

which emerged at the top of the pile in Mrs Thatcher's front-bench reshuffle was Leon Brittan, whose parliamentary career to date has been chiefly marked by a talent for keeping his head down and avoiding any of those gaffes which make for a cermin propriety quiside the certain notoriety outside the

One of the less expected cards

Now Chief Secretary to the Treasury Brittan, jet propelled from the comparative obscurity of a junior appointment in the Home Office, finds himself in charge of Government spending plans, with a special respon-sibility for the civil estimates. A personal friend of his new boss, Sir Geoffrey Howe, Brittan heard of his promotion on Monneard of his promotion on Mon-day night while celebrating his two-week-old marriage with a party in the Chancellor's official residence at 11 Downing Street. After serving the usual apprenticeship in trying to wrest North Kensington from Labour Britan was elected by Labour, Brittan was elected by Cleveland and Whitby in 1974 and was brought on to the front beach by Mrs Thatcher two years later. He made a parliamentary same for himself in the large samples are described. the long wrangles over devolu-tion when he represented the Opposition on a complex issue which by no means united the

A useful new service for the dead is about to be introduced by the Cremation Society of Great Britain, a body best described as the consumers' watchdog for that particular means of disposing of the mortal coil once it has been shuffled off. The society is to open a register of last requests, in which members can lodge precise details of what they want done with their earthly want done with their earthly remains.

Burning issue

On payment of £10, any of the society's 8,000 members Ironically one of his early will be able to join the register

the now-deposed Norman St John-Stevas They jointly wrote a guide on how to prevent and have their final instructions kept in a safe place by the society at its Maidstone headquarters. All they need do is leave a note for the next of kin saying: "Ring the Crema-tion Society now for full schools going comprehensive and also got together on advis-ing local authorities who were tardy in producing plans to go details". The 510 will be refunded to the deceased's comprehensive.
The two bave something else in common. Both were presidents of the Cambridge Union. St John-Stevas in 1959 and Brittan a decade later. Brittan,

estate after departure. Kenneth Prevette, society's general secretary, told me: "Anyone who has ever now 41, is by profession a barrister; he was called to the bar in 1962 and made a QC in acted as an executor, and has been forced to take instant decisions without really know-ing the deceased's wishes, will Quite a meteoric rise for a appreciate the value of such a Quite a meteoric rise for a youngish lad, which must show that he is not wet behind the ears, nor anywhere else. If he needs any advice in his new post he can always call on his brother Samuel Brittan, the distinguished economic commentator of The Financial Times, who for years has been one of the most dedicated proponents of monetarism in print.

The launching of the service might be an appropriate moment for the society to have another crack at having a blue plaque erected on the house plaque erected on the house where it was founded in 1874. Sir Henry Thompson. Queen Victoria's surgeon, established it in a house in Wimpole Street with the help of Sir Iohn Tennial, Sir John Millais, Anthony Trollope and Sir T. Spencer Wills.

A regulation GLC plaque was made for the centenary in 1974, but the then occupants of the

but the then occupants of the house refused to allow its erection. Being doctors, they did not feel it an appropriate ornament to hang at the door of their consulting rooms.

That the business of cremation needs a pressure group at all is proved by recent events at Mortlake, in the London borough of Richmond Following complaints from funeral directors and mourners that its productivity was too high, the . The farmer had free grazing, Crematorium Board has agreed and in return the graveyard productivity was too high, the

to slow down cremations to 30minute intervals instead of the previous, 20. Customers had been complaining of being hustled out to make way for the next service.

Elysian fields

Now for news of the more tradi-tional transport to the hereafter. The grazing of sheep to keep country graveyards tidy at no cost to the church has been advocated by a leading ecclesizstical lawyer in an article in a diocesan newsletter.

George Newsom, QC, Chancel-lor of the dioceses of Bath and Wells, St Albans and London, thinks grazing probably fell out of favour because the kerbs around graves created difficulties. But kerbs are now being discouraged by many church councils to make grass cutting easier. In Bath and Wells, to which his article is addressed, applications to clear existing kerbs are being encouraged says Newsom. He should know; he is the man who has to give permission for any alteration to graves. ' .

In his home parish at Bishop Cannings, Devizes, Newsom says that sheep have been allowed to graze in the churchyard for four summers with great suc-Graves were protected cess. from the sheep by temporary wooden frames and the yard was grazed in sections, designated by flexible electrified netting.



grass flourished and the general appearance improved. "The time has come seriously to con-sider the reintroduction of ", says Newsom.

Dazed

Which, I and a number of my readers would like to know, is the first day of the week? Leafing through a crop of 1981 diaries I am somewhat perdiaries I am somewhat perplexed to find that in most
cases the week begins, not on
Sunday, traditionally and biblically the first day of the week
satisfaction from the discovery
as celebrated by Christians in that the Church of Scotland's

commemoration of the Resurrection, but on Monday. Starting the week on what they regard as its second day has irritated such organizations as the Lord's Day Observance Society, which has often complained to publishers that their diaries are inaccurate; indeed some diehards would even regard them as blasphemous.

how I think these two productions, with those two performances, may have exorcised my weird quirk for ever, and I shall from now on hasten eagerly to The Tales of Hoffmann with a heart as light as

it always is when I emerge.

as blasphemous. The fault appears to lie with The fault appears to lie with Mammon. Most diaries now follow the business timetable with its Monday start. "We are really conforming to the popular conception of the week." I was told by Mrs Kay Barr, senior editor at Collins, a firm whose foundations lie in printing Bibles in Glasgow. Since last century Collins diaries have generally started the week on

last century Collins diaries have generally started the week on Monday except for a period between 1960 and 1973 when, after complaints from religious bodies, they opted for Sunday. But that proved unpopular and they reverted to Monday with the moral support of the British Standards Institution which in 1971 ruled that Monday was the start of the commercial week. Charles Letts, the other big diary publisher, told me they too have had threats from religious groups, but their policy is to start the week whenever the customer wants; they have both Sunday and Monday diaries. have both Sunday and Monday diaries. Collins attempted to placate

current diary begins its weeks on a Monday. After all, God started creating the world on a Monday, and so would MacAlpines if they'd been on the job.

The music critic of the Pastern Daily Press had only a few minor complaints in an other-wise glowing tribute to Sheringwise glowing tribute to Shering-ham and Cromer Choral Society's Christmas perjorm-ance of Handel's Messiah: "Due to illness, basses and tenors were thin, and it made a difference to their projection that they were not raised on the customary, stains lock customary staging—lack of balance here sometimes made the soprano line sound a trifie aggressive." Sounds as though they were so ill they could hardly stand hardly stand.

Standing orders

Since his widely applauded decision three months ago to list 12 notable twentieth century buildings as of historic or architectural interest, Michael Heschine, the Environment Secretary, has been sitting on a much larger inventory of suggested additions.

I have now learned that a new batch is likely to be an-nounced at the end of this month, and I understand that the candidates include three famous London hotels, the Dorchester, the Savoy and Claridges; some equally well known emporia like Barkers.

Derry and Toms, Fortnum and Mason, and Heals; the Thamesside head offices of ICI and Unitever; Guildford Cathedral, Golders Green Crematorium and, wait for it, the Shredded Wheat factory in Welwyn Garden City, which millions of travellers have goggled at over the years through the windows of passing trains

While on this subject. I must commend the admirable concommend the admirable con-servation group, Save Britain's Heritage, for Laving produced a complete catalogue of all Grade I listed buildings in Britain, something which the Government ought to do but never has. (The Best Buildings in Britain, Save Britain's Heri-tage, 3 Park Souare West, London NW1. £5.50.

I can hardly resist pointing out that no fewer than 18 columns are devoted to Edinburgh, as against a mere 10 for the whole of London and a miserly two for Bath.

Graduates of London University who are contesting the nomination of Princess Anne as their new Chancellor might care to recall a report in this very space 10 years ago. The Princess was asked by a BBC interviewer why she did not go to university. "I think it's a very much overrated pastine", she replied. The Palace disapproved of the observation, and it was excised from the broadcast version. Graduates of London University

Alan Hamilton

A POOR DAY FOR AUTHORS

for any Prime Minister in a Cabinet reshuffle is to choose which ministers to drop. This can be a particularly delicate decision because quite often those most. easily spared from the Cabinet would present the greatest threat der question a isatistic relation and isatistic relation and isatistic relations. if left to nurse their grievances on the backbenches. Mrs Thatcher would probably have liked to have got rid of quite a tary nave and ity of mering of February sean leader few of her Cabinet colleagues with whom she is not in tune. but she has contented herself with the departure of Mr Norman St John Stevas and Mr Angus Maude, thus executing at one strike fifty per cent of the Cabinet's contribution to litera-

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The dropping of Mr Maude is no surprise. It is justified on grounds both of age and of impact. Mr St John-Stevas presents a different case. He may not have carried quite the weight that the Leader of the House should, either with the Prime Minister personally or with the Cabinet collectively. His principal difficulties bave occurred when he has been forced to present proposals to the House against his better judgment. But he leaves behind a notable record of achievement both in that office and as a sympathetic and imaginative Minister for the

As Leader of the House he was responsible for piloting through Parliament last session an especirily, indeed an excessively, heavy programme of legislation. But his term of office deserves to be remembered in particular for the new system of select committees in the Commons. The Conservatives were committed before they came to power to do something in this field. But there was no enthusiasm among most Cabinet members for any substantive move in this direction once they had taken office. Yet Mr St John-Stevas managed not only to have the new committees set up but also subsequently to take steps to enlarge their role. The

One of the most difficult tasks reform has not been taken as far as it should, but it is to Mr St John-Stevas's credit that it has been taken as far as it has. His departure is a loss to the Cabinet

There is at least a question mark over each of the consequential changes that follows from the removal of these two ministers. Mr Francis Pym takes over Mr St. John-Stevas's role as Leader of the House and Mr Maude's as the minister responsible for government information and propaganda. He is well fitted for each of these tasks, but nobedy should combine the two.

Some twenty years ago Mr Iain Macleod found how difficult itwas to operate both as Leader of the House and as party chair-man. The Leader of the House is not only responsible for steering through the Government's legislative programme; he also has to be especially sensitive to the interests of the Commons as a whole. He therefore needs to be one of the least partisan of ministers in terms of personal style. The chairman of the party, by contrast, has to be a spirited partisan. One person can hardly be both at the same time, and Mr Pym will find it equally difficult to be both Leader of the House and the Government's cheer leader.

Mr John Nott, who takes Mr Pym's place as Secretary of State for Defence, will bring to this office a strong sense of the need for economy. Mrs Thatcher may find this congenial after Mr Pym's vigorous resistance to slashing the department's budget But an administration with Mrs Thatcher's foreign policy cannot have defence on a shoestring if it is not to appear inconsistent,

or even bypocritical. It would be reasonable for Mr Nott to reexamine the Government's commitment to Trident because it would be extremely damaging to Britain's total defence effort for the country's : conventional forces to be run down in order to pay for so ex-

pensive a nuclear capability. But a sweeping attack on defence expenditure would not be in the national interest. Mr Nott is not experienced in foreign or defence policy and it would be most unfortunate both for Britain's own defence operations and for the country's standing in Nato if he were to insist on draconian economies, without adequate study of the subject,

Mr. Nort's place at the Department of Trade will be taken by Mr. John Biffen, whose independence of mind makes him a valuable member of the Cabinet but who is difficult to place in the right post. There are some doubts as to whether his talents are best suited to running a major department. That will now be tested over the coming

months. . His replacement as Chief Secretary to the Treasury, Mr Leon Brittan, is a minister of considerable potential whose entry to the Cabiner is well deserved. His brother is the distinguished economist, Mr Samuel Brittan. As Chief Secretary he may display tougher debating skills and a less sympathetic ear to the reasoning of the spending ministers than Mr Biffen did. Yet both the Treasury ministers in the Cabinet will now be lawyers -three, if one stretches a point, and includes the Prime Minister herself—and experience suggests that politicians with a legal background are not at their best in managing the economy. It is difficult to think like a political economist if you have been trained to think like a lawyer.

Altogether, then, there must be doubts as to whether the Cabinet as a whole has been strengthened by these changes, however much respect one may have for some of the ministers involved. Below Cabinet level, though, Mrs. Thatcher has taken the opportunity to bring some promising members into the Government, which is not the least of the responsibilities of a Prime Minister.

Much of the information con-

tained in the contemptuous

articles was interesting to the

public. But it was not in the

public interest to publish it.

There are some circumstances in

which a newspaper might justi-

fiably believe that the benefits

to society of publishing articles

which would or might be in

contempt of court outweighed

the public interest in the defen-

dants being entitled to a fair

trial. The thalidomide case was

perhaps an example. But no such

issues arise in the Sutcliffe case.

Public curiosity cannot be an

excuse for harming an individual's right to have the presumption of innocence applied to him, and to his right

to a fair, trial. Indeed, there is

now a danger that the prejudice

which might have arisen by media coverage could form part

A Contempt Bill is at present

making its way through Parlia-

ment. It abolishes the imminence

test and substitutes the moment

of arrest, or the issue of a

warrant of arrest, as the time from which the risk of contempt

starts to run. Some critics would

have preferred the later moment

of charge to be the relevant time.

What the coverage of the past

three days has demonstrated is

that it does not matter to many

organs of the media what the

law of contempt says. They will

break it anyway if the case is

spectacular enough and engen-

ders sufficient curiosity on the

part of their viewers or readers. Yet it is precisely in that sort of case—where a heinous crime

is alleged—that a defendant most

requires the protection of the law. These decisions are not

unconsidered. Newspaper editors

are not children; newspapers

have lawyers; who can doubt

that many newspapers and tele-

vision producers had carefully

weighed up the possibility of prosecution and decided to go

ahead with a known contempt?

of the defence case.

THE RIGHT TO FAIR TRIAL

The press and television has little to be proud of in its treatand of the arrest and subsequent charge for murder of Mr Sutcliffe, Rarely in modern times can the media in general have acted with such disregard for the law and the fundamental tenets of British justice. In 1949 the editor of the Daily Mirror was ministed to prison for threemonths and the newspaper fined £10,000 for saying that the police had caught the person responsible for the notorious acid-bath murders. Some articles within the last two days have gone nearly as far.

The police are partly at fault. It was unnecessary for them to have held a press conference at all. It was irresponsible for them to have done so in the way they did. They announced that inquiries into the Ripper murders were being immediately scaled down; that they were "absolutely delighted " about developments; they praised the two young policemen who had carried out the arrest, and those officers then gave press interviews in which they professed their own satisfaction. The police did not quite go as far as saying that they had caught the Ripper. They did not need to. It is understandable riat the police, who have been much criticized over the past few years for their apparent lack of progress in solving the Ripper murders, should want to publicize what they regarded as a success. Their enthusiasm unhappily exceeded their sense of duty to

the administration of justice. Even more seriously, perhaps, members of the police must have told representatives of the media details of evidence which would almost certainly form part of the prosecution case. There is no other source from which some of the information published in some newspapers could have the television news programmes, come. Such disclosures clearly was to enhance the assumption, add to the potential prejudice of already implied by the police, a fair trial. The police should that the man charged was guilty.

It was significant that even

before his inauguration as Presi-

dent Mr Reagan should make a

point of meeting President Lopez.

Portillo of Mexico. As a Cali-

fornian, Mr Reagan is more

aware than most Americans of

the proximity of Mexico; and before the election he had made

a bread proposal, not at all well

received in Mexico, for a North

American common market includ-

ing the United States, Canada

and Mexico. But more than that,

Monday's meeting in Ciudad

Juarez was indicative of the

increasing attention being paid

in the United States to their

southern neighbour, and to the

small Central American states

The interest in Mexico is due

to the large discoveries of oil and

gas that have been made in

recent years, making Mexico one

in international affairs. More

than half of these oil exports go

to the United States, which

obviously has every interest in

making the most of such a con-

beyond.

now inquire into how certain facts came into the hands of the media, and take action against any policeman found to have heen providing the prejudicial details for publication, or any non-senior policemen who authorized it.

Police conduct does not, however, exonerate the media. It has been argued that in the period between the police press conference and the appearance of the accused in court the fol-Jowing afternoon, the law did not. clearly spell out the risk of contempt to which the media mightbecome subject. The existing test is that contempt starts to run from the time when a charge is imminent, and it is true that in many circumstances that moment is difficult to define. In this case, however, the police made it clear that a suspect was shortly to be charged. The press could not have been in much doubt about imminence. Nevertheless : one newspaper at least published a photograph of the accused, when it must have known that there was a strong possibility that identification would be in issue

at the trial The contempts continued even when the excuse that the law was unclear could no longer be argued. The statutory restrictions on reporting the proceedings at the magistrates court were breached, not technically or marginally, but substantially and deliberately. On Monday evening's television and in many of yesterday's newspapers, there appeared extensive interviews with prostitutes, including the particular lady who claimed to have been in the company of the accused when he was apprehended, members of the accused's family, his neighbours, his employers and work-mates. The overwhelming effect of the coverage of most papers, and of the television news programmes.

backyard, is in turmoil, with a

recent revolution in Nicaragua,

with Washington. In exchange

they want better treatment in the

MR REAGAN GOES TO MEXICO various border issues between attention being paid to Central America stems from the realization that that area, so long regarded as part of the American

a virtual civil war in El Salvador, and constant political killings in Guatemala. The Americans would dearly like Mexican help in containing the upheavals, and avoiding Cuban intervention. . Things are seen differently in Mexico, however, Mexican perceptions start from the principle that the main threat to the region comes from the United States-They remain bitterly aware that they lost a large part of their own territory to the Americans in the last century, and though American interests are strongly entrenched in Mexico the Mexicans are very sensitive to anything which seems like an of the world's main oil exporters attempt at encroachment, econoand giving it greater confidence mic or political. They are acutely aware that the Americans have their eyes on Mexican oil, but feel that at last they have a real bargaining card in their dealings

the two countries, particularly that of the illegal Mexican immigrants to the United States. As for Central America, the Mexicans are as worried as any-

one at the prospect of a tide of revolution; it could, after all, affect Mexico itself, which has great disparities of wealth but where there is tight control over dissent. But the Mexican approach is to recognize that change is coming and to keep on good terms with the revolutionaries, as they have always done with Cuba and are doing now with Nicaragua. They are opposed to further American intervention both on ideological grounds, based on their own experience, and on practical grounds, in the belief that it would only exacerbate the situation-and ultimately bring about the sort of revolution it was designed to stop. It is a sensible approach, and far more sensible than the simplicities uttered at times by Mr Reagan. If it deters him from ill-considered action in Central America, that alone will have made his trip to Ciudad Juárez worth while

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

First principle of justice

From Lora Rawlinson of Ewell, QC Sir, Once upon a time there was an old British principle that a man was presumed innocent until proven guilty. And once upon a time it was. clieved that the graver the accusation the greater the need to remem-ber the principle, I am glad that you, Sir, at any rate, remain loyal to such old-firshioned ideas. Yours faithfully, RAWLINSON,

12 King's Bench Walk, Temple, EC4.

Police press passes

From Mr Peter Neivens Sir, Mr Ecclestone (January 6) is being less than frank in his letter about police press passes.

The Metropolitan Police are enxious to be as helpful as possible to the press but in operational situations it is often impossible to allow unrestricted access to every-

one. In 1972, all Fleet Street editors attended a meeting at New Scotland Yard when it was agreed that the press identification cards issued by the Metropolitan and City Police Forces would be made available on request from editors. There are presently something in the region of 3,000 cards held by Londonbased journalists.

There is absolutely no question of our passes being "licences" to practise the art of news gathering and the Commissioner fully accepts the important role of a free press

in a democracy. That is why he operates an open door policy with the news media.

Metropolizan Police officers are required to acknowledge any other accredited press pass within the constraints of the police operation and the NUJ card would conform with these instructions. with these instructions.

Yours faithfully, PETER C. NEIVENS, Deputy Assistant Commissioner, Director of Information, New Scotland Yard, Broadway, SW1.

Picasso's Guernica From Mr Douglas Cooper

January 6.

Sir, I write as a member of the Real Patronato (Board of Trustees) of the Museo del Prado to express astonishment at the article by David Mitchell (December 11) on the future of the painting "Guernica"

by Picasso.

Picasso never declared that this painting "belonged to the Spanish people", nor did he stipulate "that it should be knused in the Prado". His instruction to his beirs were that it should be handed over to the Spanish Government in office (since the original commission came from a democratically constituted Governnent) once Spain has again become

a democracy.
When all of his heirs have signed the release of the painting from New York, where it is held in trust for a Spanish Government, it will be handed over. Most probably, this will occur in the first half of 1981, and the recipient will be the Government of Spain then in power. The picture will then be entrusted to the Museo del Prado for safekeeping and exhibition. The place where it will hang has been selected and agreed, the necessary technical and security precautions decided on. "Guernica" will go neither to Malaga, nor to Guernica, nor to Barcelona. Your correspondent's will go peither arguments are fallacious and unfounded.

Sincerely yours, DOUGLAS CCOPER, Monte-Carlo Star, Appt 151, 15 Boulevard Louis II, Monté-Carlo.

Dangerous council?

From Sir Ralph Richardson Sir. The Arts Council has decided to cut off financial support to the National Youth Theatre of Great Britain. This would be a dangerous thing to do; it would are down a valuable young tree in the orchard of our culture.

Only last year, when the company visited the United States, the New Yorker declared: "It presents the best kind of English acting still in the making." The company has been asked to return there this year.

Our theatre is valuable to us all:

we must not damage it. The National Youth Theatre's founder and director, Michael Croft, is unique in our nime. We must not cut off that head. We must think We have until Easter before we come to the dangerous corner when the £15,000

grant will be stopped. Whence comes wiser council? Yours faithfully

RALPH RICHARDSON, (President, National Youth Theatre of Great Britain), 1 Chester Terrace. Regent's Park, NWL.

The value of music From Mr Larry Westland

Sir, Since my letter (December 27), I have received a very reassuring letter from the Chief Education Officer of Surrey County Council. It informs me that at a recent meeting of the council members expressed the view that they did not wish to cease instrumental tuition and assistance to orchestras. Instead, they have asked that the possibility of achieving economies by increasing income and by restructuring the peripatetic music services should be

explored. The letter concludes with the reassurance that, although there will need to be economies, it is hoped that instrumental music tuition, perhaps in a modified form, and the orthestras will be retained. We at the National Festival of Music for Youth applaud the Surrey County Council for its continued

support for music education. Yours faithfully LARRY WESTLAND, Festival Director, National Festival of Music and Youth, 23a King's Road, SW3.

January 5.

What is happening in Afghanistan?

From Professor Louis Dupree

Sir, In the past weeks a lot of twaddle (and some significant non-twaddle) has been published in this and other newspapers concerning the war in Afghanistan. May I be permitted to seek out the middle ground on several of the issuesbased on 30 years' experience in the

The lack of unity between the, various guerrilla factions, particu-larly those centred in Peshawar, Pakistan, dismays many observers. Unity among the diverse Afghan ethnic groups (or even within the groups, however) has never been the normal cultural pattern. In addition, the views of the six major religious leaders in Peshawar range from the ulira-conservative, funda-mentalist ideals of Engineer Gulbuddin Hekmatyar to the moderate, secular-oriented philosophy of Sayyid Ahmad Gailani, a member of the important Naquib religious family. The others (Sebratullah Mojadidi, Maulvi Mohammad Yunus

Khalis, Professor Burhanuddin Rabani, Maulyi Mohammad Nabi Mohammadi) fall somewhere in between, And these are not the only groups in Peshawar. At one time more than 30 existed !

Currently, four major struggles are taking place in and around Afghanistan:

1 The generalized, relatively uncoordinated attempts of the mujahi-deen (freedom fighters) to overthrow the purpet regime of Babrak Karmal and drive the Soviets out of their country.

2 The internal struggle for power

between the two major factions of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan (Parcham, The Banner, now in power; Khalq, The Masses, party of the deceased Nur Moham-mad Taraki and Halizullah Amin). 3 The infighting for headlines, followers and Arab money by the religious leaders in Peshawar.

The gradual unification of regionally orientated ethnolinguistic groups inside Afghanistan.
No 4 is the most important and crucial pattern in the evolution of

of a pational liberation movement.
This does not minimize the importance of the various religious leaders and their followers in Peshawar (particularly the moderate Gailani), but simply tries to put the matter in proper perspective, at at least from my point of view.

A year after their invasion of

Afehanistan the Russians find themselves involved in an expensive stalemate. In my opinion, the Soviets originally planned a DomiCome in, cap the government in power; replace it with a pupper, and then leave. The Russians miscalculated, for the Afghans have never peacefully accepted subjugational and the second subjugations are second subjugations.

tion and have always resisted outsiders.

So the Russians failed to crush the mujahideen. Now the Soviet ractics involve two interlocking processes; the rubbleization of the countryside and migratory genocide. The much vaunted Mi-24 armoured helicopter gunships roam up valleys with impunity, turning villages into mud-brick rubble with bombs, rockets and cannoalire. The object appears to he to drive Afghaus out of their country into Pakistan and Iran, not to kill them. But the fact that whole valleys

have been denuded of people has worked against the Russians, and new patterns are emerging in the countryside. Guerrilla leaders, their rillages destroyed, have settled their families in Pakistan and returned to their home areas to continue the fight. Because they no longer have to worry about the safety of their families or the sanctity of their villages, groups can coalesce into larger units and range more widely over expanding zones of respon-sibility. Regionally, even different ethnolinguistic groups have joined together to resist the Russians.

The invasion of Afghanistan is the first Russian aggression since World War II—on a piece of virgin, independent, non-aligned real estate. (Hungary and Czechoslovakia were considered by Nato to be in the Soviet 70ne of Influence.) The Afghan freedom fighters have made it abundantly clear that they do not want, nor do they need, foreign troops, mercentries or otherwise. Probably, the only way to force the Russians to the neeotiating table, however, is to make their aggression in Afghanistan expensive in blood and machines.

Therefore, I believe the time has come for the United States, the United Kingdom and other interested nations to supply the mujuhideen with adequate weapons. The Afghans do not lack courage. They lack weapons. The Americans and others have the weapons, but do they have the courage? Yours etc.

LOUIS DUPREE, American Universities Field Staff, The Wheelock House,

December 18.

Handling the economy

From Mr Robert Taylor, MP for Croydon, North West (Conservative) Sir. It is becoming fashionable at periodic intervals for some of my senior porliamentary colleagues to eriment through the medium of your columns. The latest such advice from Mr Kenneth Lewis (December 31, 1980) does cell for a reply and I hope I may be permitted to use the same medium for the same medium for the same medium. offer gratuitous advice to the Govto use the same medium for such a

Mr Lewis advocates that the Government should spend on the capital account to create employment and business confidence and to cut back on what he terms administrative and revenue spending in order so to do. Without making any further sugget-tion of such savings he then criticizes the Government for the administrative and revenue savings which it is currently implementing !
To attempt to deal with each of his five points of criticism is to presume much of you, Sir. so I shall endeavour to be brief.

1 Increased National Insurance charges are most certainly justified by the unemployment figures be-cause how else can the cost of unemployment be met unless Mr Lewis advocates an alternative tax imposi-tion? The increased charge is there-fore what my colleague so quaintly refers to as a saving of revenue spending ".

2 The alternatives to transferring the £30m industrial training bill are for either the Government to continue to fund the amount by "revenue spending" or for the industrial training boards to be closed down. I favour the latter course, but as Mr. Lewis supported the 1964 Act I suspect he would differ.

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3 High energy charges are to save funding of the nationalized industries through "revenue spending"; which way does my colleague want

part time working would be an added burden on all of us, either directly or through "revenue spending". As a small employer myself I gladly accept the liability to pay the first eight weeks of sickness benefit as I realize this will save substantial amounts on administration and therefore "revenue spending".

4 No government could have tackled the rating problem more

vicorously than the current cam-

paign. The administration involved

in reducing rates during periods of

No. Sir I The letters you have published from my colleagues recently do not reflect the way the Conservative Parliamentary Party enters 1981. We are resolved to see these difficulties through, knowing the continuing problems ahead, but couvinced that an elternative route would be an abdication of the leadership which the United Kingdom has sought so long.

I am, Sir, your humble and obedient ROBERT TAYLOR. Hinterland House, Effingham Common, Surrey. January 2.

Level of coal stocks

From Mr J. R. Cowan Sir, The claim that there are stocks of coal on the ground to the value of £1m for every man employed in the industry was repeated by your Labour Editor in your issue of

December 30.

Because of the recession we shall add about six million tonnes to undistributed stocks during the present financial year. Even so, their total value is equal to rather less than £2.500 per man. Yours faithfully, J. R. COWAN, Industrial Relations Member, National Coal Board,

Hobart House, Grosvenor Place, SW1.

Keeping footpaths open

Prom Colonel P. T. van Straubenzee Sir, It is most sad that Mr Arthur Gemmell, himself a member of the Yorkshire Dales National Park Com-mittee, should in his letter of December 18 attempt, by reference to minor or untypical examples, to paint such a distorted picture of the committee's attitude towards users of public rights of way.

Since it took over responsibility for the management of rights of way in the Yorkshire Dales some five years ago, the record of the national park committee speaks for itself and its various actions have been very well received not only by landowners and farmers but also the many thousands of people who use the extensive network of paths within the 680 square miles of this national park.

Mr Gemmell draws conclusions regarding the committee's attitude to path users on the basis of its consideration of only two of the 81 diversion/closure/creation proposals with which it has dealt. Since Mr Gemmell's letter, people whose knowledge of rights of way in the Dales and dedication to national park purposes is no less than his. have expressed their deep disquiet at his ill-chosen words and have commended the national park committee for what it has actually achieved in such a relatively short It is significant that Mr Gemmell

should choose not to draw your readers' attention, for example, to the 610 new signs erected in the past two years or to the 263 new stiles erected and to the 306 stiles or gates repaired or replaced. In 1980 alone 21 new bridges (some very large span) and culverts were built, and 28 footbridges repaired;

some 95 miles of new waymarking completed and another 54 miles

That Mr Gemmell should ignore these achievements and fail to record the committee's expression of regret concerning the provisions of the Wildlife and Countryside Bill related to bulls on public paths perhaps tells more of his attitude than it does that of the Yorkshire Dales National Park Committee.

Yours faithfully, P. T. van STRAUBENZEE, Chairman, Yorkshire Dales National Park Committee, Spennithorne House, North Yorkshire. December 31.

Breakfast television From Sir David Llewellyn

Sir, Lord Beswick (letter, December 31) is right to claim that many of us who look forward to watching breakfast television will be paid less than its performers—not to mention the technicians behind them. But to suggest that their good pay affords grounds for denying to millions the enjoyment of this modest extension of choice is to carry Puritanism too

For the old who wake up to blank screens; for those who do not get papers delivered early, if at all; for the housebound and for others deprived of work, breakfast TV should provide at least a diversion, at best a source of enlightenment and joy. Yours faithfully, DAVID LLEWELLYN, The Glebe.

Yattendon,

Newbury, Berkshire.

Water cure for transport problem

From the Chairman of the British Waterways Board

Sir, I have a great respect for John Gagg's belief in waterways transport-I thought that the feeling was mutual. However his references in his letter (January 2) suggest that we who serve on the British Waterways Board are too sanguine about Government's approach to our commercial waterways.

Since 1963 I have battered my head against a wall of seeming indifference in Whitehall, Although, in some circles, the decision to allow us to improve the Sheffield and South Yorkshire Navigation (the first such imprevement for 70 years) may be considered as a sop to dampen down the growing demands for a policy for our waterways, we don't see it that way.

My board see it as a "second innings" for the canals. We will be able to put up a decent score if we have the kind of support within the ministries as do roads. The roads lobby is not a myth; all we ask (as would rail ways, I suspect) is for an equal commitment in the corridors of

John Gogs is right when he says that our European colleagues look on our attitude with incredulity. Nowbere else in Europe do they ignore the energy savings and the environment brows produced by waterways transport. They press for meaningful statistics which we are unable, or unwilling, to produce; they ask that competition between transport modes should be equal which we ignore.

I know that there will come a day when someone capable of moulding government policy will take up the waterway case. Till then we will keep trying! FRANK PRICE.

British Waterways Board, Melbury House, Melbury Terrace, NWL January 2.

Land of Palestine From Mrs N. Silkin

Sir, What a pity that you seem (leading article, December 23) to vitiate the compassionate sig-nificance of Robert Fish's articles on the Palestinians, by implying that the latter are not unique and should accept their fate like other

But surely they are unique. Where else in the world did the majority of a country's population become dispossessed exiles? Where else did the United Nations (under American pressure) partition a country in definee of the rights and wishes of its indigenous majority? Where else did such partition award nearly 60 per cent of the land to the minority, who then owned less than

10 per cent of that lend? Surely the world community owen some late mersure of justice to the Palestinians, for whose fate it has largely been responsible. Yours faithfully

N. SILKIN, 22 Spring Gardens, Porking, Surrey. December 23.

Trees for energy

From Mr James Blewitt Sir. I have just pollarded for the first time oak trees planted as acorns 15 years ago. By the time oil gives out I hope my house will be heated from the trees I have grown and am continuing to plant in those areas where the energy equation is beginning to turn

against yearly cultivation. This line of thought is now commountace among farmers. I would, though, like to emphasize that oaks are easy to taise from acorns, easy to transplant, determined to grow, cuicker to arhiere a noticeable size than is generally thought (one 26-year-old tree is now 30ft high) and most rewarding in every way. Yours sincerely, JAMES BLEWITT. Ponted Hall, Colchester,

Pillars of society

Essex.

January 5.

From Mrs C. A. Crowe

Sir, Your Architectural Correspondent, Charles McKean, in his article, "They have their exits and their entrances" (December, 29), refers only briefly to domestic door ways and prompts me to ask if he has noticed the alarming epidemic of white pillars which is now sweeping the country.

I personally have seen outbreaks in Yorkshire mining villages, Lakeland hamlets, Midlands suburbia, West Country seaports and the Welsh valleys. Nowhere seems to be immune. Moreover, pillars are not confined to detached residences and the semi, for even terraces display affected areas, albeit of the flushfitting variety.

The first symptom of a fresh case is usually the sudden appearance of u new front door. This may be baronial in Style and nail-studded, neo-Tudor with black hinges, Georgian with fanlight, mock-Gothic with stained glass, early-

Odeon and chrome-embellished. Within days, pillars will appear. sometimes in pairs, more often in sets of four. In more extreme cases they will spread along the entire frontage and encompass the car port and, in the severest attacks of all, they have been known to invade the

What does it all mean? Could it be that the people of these islands in the face of adversity are sym-bolically propping up the fabric of their existence? Enlighten us, Mr McKean, so we may know just what is happening before the contagion is unstoppable and every street becomes a colonnade. Yours faithfully,

C. A. CROWE, Tanglewood, Stoney Lane, Tickhill. Doncaster. December 30.

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SANDRINGHAM, NORFOLK
Jauuary 6: Today being the Feast
of Epiphany, Hely Communion
was celebrated in the Chapel
Royal, St Jems's Palace, when the
customary offerings of Gold,
Frankincense and Myrrh were
made on behalf of The Queen by
Lleutenant-Commander
Holdsworth, RN, and LieutenantColonel Sir Julian Paget, Bt
(Gottlemen Ushers to Her
Majesty).

(Gontlamen Ushers to Her Majesty).

The Bishop of London (Dean of Her Majesty's Chapels Royal), assisted by the Reverend Canon Anthony Caesar (Sub-Dean of Her Majesty's Chapels Royal and Domestic Chaplain to The Queen) and the Reverend John Williams (Priest in Ordinary), officiated, The Queen's Bodyguard of the Yeoman of the Guard was on duty in the Chapel.

By command of The Queen, the Lord Trefgarne (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London this afternoon upon the departure of The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon for Greece, and bade farewell to Her Royal Highness on behalf of Her Majesty.

Her Majesty. Smith has succeeded the Hon Mary Morrison as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr A. G. Gordon and Miss J. C. Houldsworth The engagement is announced between Alexander, son of Lord and Lady Alastair Gordon, of Outck's Green, Pangbourne, Berkslüre, and Joanna, daughter of the late Major Ian Houldsworth and of Mrs Houldsworth, of Dallas Lodge, Forres, Moray.

Mr J. W. Vernon and Miss D. E. Howard and Miss D. E. Howard
The cogagement is announced
between James, eldest son of
Sir Nigel Vernon, Bt. and Lady
Vernon, of Top-y-Fron Hall,
Kelsterton, Clwyd, and Davinia,
elder daughter of Mr and Mrs
Christopher David Howard, of
Ryton Corner, Ryton, Shrewsbury.

Mr J. R. L. Berriman and Miss L. K. A. McSwiney The engagement is announced be-tween John Robert Lloyd, elder son of Mr D. Berriman, of Bayley's Hill, Kent, and of Mrs C. P. Murch, of Blackheath, SE13, and Lindeey Kathym Ann, younger Lindsey Kathryn Ann, younger daughter of Mr B. A. McSwiney, of London, Ws. and of Mrs D. M. McSwiney, of Brasted, Kent.

Mr C. A. A. Covell and Miss V. F. Hardman Lea The engagement is announced hetween Charles, son of Mr and Mrs N. A. G. Covell, of Lytham, Lancashire, and Virginia, daughter of Dr and Mrs M. Hardman Lea, of Mellor, Lancashire.

Mr P. W. Lincoln and Miss E. J. Robins The engagement is announced herween Peter, eldest son of Mr and Mrs W. I. Lincoln, of Ashurst, Southampton, and Barhara, daughter of Mr and Mrs W. E. C. Robins, of Banstead, Surrey.

The engagement is announced between Jonnthan Michael, younger son of Mr and Mrs Richard V. N. Surtees, of 23 Queen's Gate, S.W.7, and Cobham, Surrey, and Louise, third daughter of Mr and

Mrs Edward N. Glddy. of Umlass
Road, Natal. South Africa.

Mr R. O. L. Wickham
and Miss J. K. Brown

Cassan and Flora Scott. Mr James
Pavry was best man.

A family luncheon was beld at
Lech Lodge and a reception will
be held in London later this
month. Mr R. O. L. Wickbam and Miss J. K. Brown The engagement is announced hetween Robert, only son of the late Mr and Dr Wickham of Sevenoaks, Kent, and Jennifer, only daughter of Mr and Mrs B. Brown, of Great Chesterford,

Church news

Appointments W. Lucas, Vicar of St Michael and All Angels, Norton, discuss of Durtam to be incumbent of Broscies with Benthall and third-thirty of Jackfield and Linicy with Willey and Barrow, discose of Hereford.
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The Rev C. L. Owens, curate of St Mark, North End, Portsea, diocese of Partismouth, to be trans Vicar in the Last Ham team ministry, diocese of Chelmsford. rensmouth, to be hear vitar in the fast Ham team ministry, dioceso of Chelmsford. D. A. Rend, curate of St. The Rev. D. A. Rend, curate of St. The Rev. Exister, closes of Exister. On the prestine charge of Martindale. Cumbria, utorese of Cartisle.

The Rev. C. H. N. Smith, chaptale of Lancaster Moor Hospital, diocess of Buckburn, to be elsy honorary canon of Blackburn Cathedral.

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CLARENCE HOUSE CLARENCE HOUSE January 6: Mrs Patrick Campbell-Preston has succeeded Ruth, Lady Fermoy as Lady-in-Waiting to Queen Elizabeth The Queen

KENSINGTON PALACE
January 6: The Princess Margaret,
Countess of Snowdon left Heathrow Airport, London, this afternoon in an aircraft of British
Airways to visit Athens.

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Airways to visit Affiens.

Her Royal Highness was received at the Airport by His Excellency M Eustace Lagocos (Ambassador of Greece). Sir Derek Dodson trepresenting the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs), Sir Ross Stainton (Choirman, British Airways) and Mr Michael Maine (representing the Director, British Airports Authority). Authority).

Mrs Robin Benson and Major The Lord Napier and Ettrick were in attendance.

The Duke of Gloucester, patron of the Council for Education in World Citizenship, will visit the new offices and resource centre, at Cobham House, Blackfriars Lane, London, on January 12.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Conway Scymour will be held in the Grosvenor Chapel. South Audley Street, W1, at 11.30 on Wednesday, January 14.

Birthdays today

Vice-Admiral Sir John Collins, 82; Mr Gerald Durrell, 56; Sir Frederick Gibberd, 73; Sir James Harford, 82; Sir Maynard Jenour, 76; General Sir Gordon MacMillan of MacMillan, 84; Sir Alastair Pilkington, 61; Mr Arnold Ridley, 85; Colonel Sir Eric St Johnston, 70; Air Commodore the Hon Sir Peter Vanneck, 59.

Mr D. H. Houldsworth Mr D. H. Houldsworth and Miss S. J. Hogg
The engagement is announced between David Henry, eldest son of the late Major Ian Houldsworth and of Mrs Houldsworth, of Dallas Lodge, Forres, Moray, and Sarah Jane, elder daughter of Mr J. G. and the Hon Mrs Hogg, of Old Erood Oak, Brenchley, Kent.

Mr D. G. Aitken
and Miss S. J. Lockey
The engagement is announced
between Douglas George, elder
son of Mr and Mrs G. Aitken, of
Homefield, Old Buckenham, Norfolk, and Sarah Jane, eldest
daughter of Mr and Mrs C. B.
Lockey, of The Limes, North
Lopham, Norfolk.

Mr R. A. R. Bradfield and Miss S. J. H. Walker The engagement is announced be-tween Robert Andrew Richard, son of Dr and Mrs J. R. G. Bradfield, of Cambridge, and Sarab Jane Hope, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Walker, of Irstead, Norfolk.

Mr M. Dennis and Miss R. Ramsay The engagement is aunounced between Mark, youngest son of the Rev W. M. and Mrs Dennis, of Glenellen, California, and Rona, daughter of Mr and Mrs H. W. Ramsay, of Stanley, Perthshire.

Marriages

Mr C. Elkins and Mrs B. M. Jemal The marriage took place in Bermuda on December 19, 1980, between Mr Cyrus Elkips and Mrs Bridgette Mary Jemal. A luncheon was beld afterwards at Government House.

Mr J. A. Hooper Mr J. A. Heoper and Miss F. A. Locke
The marriage took place on Saturday, January 3, at the church of St John the Evangelist, Toft, Knutsford, of Mr Toby Hooper, son of Colonel and Mrs D. A. Hooper, and Miss Anna Locke, third daughter of Dr and Mrs G. B. Locke.

Locke.
The Rev J. Kirkland officiated, assisted by Father Raphael Appleby, OSB. Appleby, OSB.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by her nephew and niece, Cessian and Flora Scott. Mr James

Mr P. Snoggs
and Miss A. M. Morton
The marriage took place quietly
in the Queen's Chapel of the
Savoy on Tuesday, December 23,
1980, between Mr Philip Snuggs
and Miss Audrey Morton.

By the Staff of Nature

George Frèderick Handel

Samuel Pepys both seem to have been inconvenienced by common-place ailments that would be just as likely to afflict them today as

as likely to afflict them today as two or three hundred years ago. A new look at the sparse evid-ence of their medical histories suggests that the composer had rheumatism rather than two strokes in his later years, and the young diarist experienced attacks of what is now known as irritable howel.

Dr Milo Keynes, of Cambridge University, writing in The Lancet, points out that Handel must have

made a remarkable recovery from the strokes he has been assumed to have sustained in 1737 and 1743. Although his right arm was said to have been put out of action in 1737, he seems to have

been back at work, conducting

and composing, within a very short time.

indicates that again in 1743 he had a paralytic disorder affecting his head and speech. However,

within five weeks he had started

to compose the opera Semcle, and apparently suffered no further deterioration until troubled by the cataracts that blinded him at the age of 66 m 1751.

It was Handel's first biographer,

the Rev John Mainwaring, writing in 1760, who recorded the two strokes, establishing a medical precedent for most of his succes-

Latest estates include (net, before

tax paid):
Adams, Mr John, of Dorchester

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shire, Merton Professor of English Literature, Oxford University, 1957

attack and pneumonia later deve-loped. More people will regret the disappearance of Mistinguett from the scene than ever saw her. Supe-rior in this even to film stars,

Contemporary

Latest wills

BBC agrees to broadcast dramas with same stage cast

National Theatre plays for Radio 3

By Kenneth Gosling
Sir Peter Hall is to direct the world première of Harold Pinter's new play, Family Voices, on Radio 3 on January 22. It will be the first in a series of drama productions made possible under an agreement between the National Theatre, of which Sir Peter is director, and BEC Radio Drama.

Dame Peggy Ashcroft heads the cast. The play is the first of six to be recorded and broadcast mainly on Radio 3 this year; as far as possible, the BEC will use far as possible, the BEC will use several new series and serials, among them a 26-part Lord of the Rings. Radio drama lakeweil and Shelagh Delaney. Relayed live opera broadcasts mainly on Radio 3 this year; as far as possible, the BEC will use for the same cast each time as at the National Theatre.

Family Voices will be produced at the National as an early evening performance on February 3, from Covent Garden.

Eight documentary programmes on Radio 3, beginning on February 9 and written and presented by Michael Charlton, will estable. by Harold Pinter, Watch on the Rhine, by Lillian Hellman, and Madras House, by Harley Gran-

Among the single broadcasts will be Princess Margaret's choice of Desert Island Discs on January 17 and the Archbishop of Canterbury. Dr Robert Runcie, conducting a special Ash Wednesday phone in on March 4. covered the heavy isotope of day phone in on March 4.

Mr Aubrey Singer, managing director of BBC radio, said Radio 1 would have a "sad scoop", the interview with John Lennon recorded in New York by Andy Peebles last month shortly before Lennon was shot. The first of the five one-hour programmes based on the interview can be heard on January 18.

Mr Singer said no other broadcasting organization could match the range of programmes California, on January 5. He was on isotopes, quantum theory and thermodynamics Urey cal-

oroacasing organization could match the range of programmes offered by the BBC; radio cost less than £2,000 an hour for all four networks and he hoped the new licence fee, due in 13 months, would enable it to keep going without Cuts. going without cuts.



Lady Howe, wife of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Mrs Humphrey Atkins, wife of the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, at an NSPCC playgroup in Belfast yesterday.

Today's engagements Exhibitions: Railway artists, Station Museum, Sunderland, 10 to 6; Homer Sykes, Corinium, Museum, Cirencester, 10 to 5; microelectronics in the home, Decide Courter Harmarket, 30 microelectronics in the home, Design Centre, Haymarket, 9.30 to 5.30; Bolivian stamps, Stan-ley Gibbons, 399 Strand, 9.30 to 4.45; work by new craftsmen, British Crafts Centre, 43 Earl-bam Street, Covent Garden, 10 to 5.30.

Talks: "The Sutton Hoo ship buriai", by Kenneth Whitehorn, 11.30, "Greek theatre", by **England** wins at

junior bridge

for third time By Our Bridge Correspondent By Our Bridge Correspondent
England won the junior home
countries' international bridge
series outright for the third year
running. The matches took place
at Perth at the weekend.
The England attack was led by
G. T. Kirby and S. J. Lodge,
veterans in such competitions who
have gained several senior caps.
Under the new rules imposed
last year of each country playing
three short matches against each
other, instead of one long match,
the weaker teams have had a other, instead of the house had a the weaker teams have had a better chance. England's score of \$2 out of a possible 90, the same as last year, represents an out-standing performance.

standing performance.

Placings were: England 88,
Scotland 56, Wales 46. Northern
Ireland 32. The England team
was: A. F. Sowter (non-plaving
captain), G. T. Kirby and S. J.
Lodge; T. Pike and R. Bentley;
J.-Wyndham and M. H. Clarke,

Science report

Medicine: Historical perspective

recurrences of the moscular rheumatism for which Handel took the waters at Tunbridge Wells in 1735. He also visited Tunbridge Wells in 1737, and tried the waters at Aix la Chapelle then and again in 1743.

Almost a hundred years earlier, in the 1660s, Pepys was recording in his diary attacks of what he called "wind colic". That afflictions have been applied to the called the beautiful that the called the called

talled wind colic. That athle-tion has been assumed to have been renal colic resulting from the presence of kidney stones. But although he certainly had such an attack in 1665, and possibly an-other the next year, as well as various other recognizable aches and pains, his "wind colic" seems to have been something

seems to have been something

different.
Writing in the British Medical Journal. Dr Charles Newman, of the Royal College of Physicians, says that the true nature of the wind colic could be discerned only

with the publication of the com-plete text of The Diary of Samuel Pepys four years ago.

Pepys apparently did not think he had renal colic, but thinking in the medical terms of the seven-

the medical terms of the seven-teenth, be concluded that the cause of his trouble was " tak-ing cold". That was done by, for example, getting his feet cold, putting his legs into water, or just

to 1966
Gay, Mr Timothy Thomas Strart.
of St Columb Major. Cornwall
£151,525

chess lead From Harry Golombek Chess Correspondent Hastings

Patsy Vanags, 1.15, both British Museum; "Costume in eighteenth century paintings", by Audrey Tyndall, National Gailery, 1; "Bacon", hy Pat Turner, Tate Gallery, 1.
London Mime Festival, Cockpir Theatre, Marylebone, 8. For children: "Buses, bikes, and boats", Museum of Oxford, St Aidate's, Oxford, 2 to 4.
Lunchtime music: Holborine Consort, St Olave, 1.05; Richard Townend, organ, St Margaret Lothbury, 1.16; Michael Anderson, organ, St Bride's, 1.15; Martyn Dyke and pupils, plano, Holy Sepulchre, 1.15.

Latest appointments Latest appointments include : Dr Peter E. Trier, aged 61, director of Philips Electronic and

director of Philips Electronic and Associated Industries, to the chairman of the Defence Scientific Advisory Council, in succession to Sir Sam Edwards, FRS. Dr Basil Greenbill, director of the National Maritime Museum, to be chairman of the National Directors' Conference, in succession to Mr Michael Levey. Major-General N. St G. Gribbon, managing director of Satlingbury Ltd, to be president of the Canada United Kingdom Chamber of Commerce. Mr Brian Burrows to be secretary-general of the chamber.

Luncheon

sors. Dr Keynes offers support to those who have subsequently doubted the veracity of the strokes, concluding that on the evidence of the symptoms they were more likely to have been to the symptoms they were more likely to have been to the product of the more likely to have been to the total that the tota

Poulters' Company
The Duchess of Devonshire was
the guest of the Poulters' Company at luncheon after she had
received the honorary freedom of
the company at the Christmas
court held at Armourers and
straigers Hall yesterday. The
Master, Mr J. K. Melling, was
in the chair.

quence of taking cold was the pro-duction of wind, which rose to whatever part of the body was uppermost. Before a cure could be effected, Pepys believed that the wind had to be discharged. Dr Newman likens the attacks

to the abdominal neurosis that

to the abdominal neurosis that used to be known as "mucous colids" and has merged into the irritable bowel syndrome associated with anxiety and depression, and commoner in association with an energetic lifestyle.

Pepys's attacks seem to have coincided with the years when his domestic life and his professional affairs of the Narr Officerometer.

affairs at the Navy Office were most difficult. By 1669, when he was 36, he was more settled and his diary records no further attacks.

attacks.

There is insufficient evidence to assess a recent suggestion that Pepps's wind colic was due to chronic lead poisoning. But it seems unlikely that his symptoms (and his wife's lack of symptoms) were the result of consuming water that had passed through lead pines. Dr Newman prefers

lead pipes. Dr Newman prefers the common diagnosis of neurosis; which he believes is nearer to the truth than the ingenious alternatives.

Sources: Lancet, December 20/27 (vol. ii, p. 1354), 1980; Briech Medical Journal, December 20/27 (vol. 281, p. 1716), 1980.

«Nature-Times News Service, 1981

Alburt stays in despite setback

Lev Alburt, the former Soviet grandmaster, met with an astound-

ing and most unexpected reverse in the ICI, grandmaster tourna-ment at Hastings yesterday, when on the way to winning a game against Briso in the eighth round, he overlooked the loss of his queen, and had to resign on the forty-second move. He is still in the lead with six points, as his nearest rival, Anderspoints, as his nearest rival, Andersson, only drew yesterday, but it is clear that there will be a close struggle for first prize in which he and Anderson and possibly four tothers, Liberzon, Ftacnik, Sunyè and Torre may participate. Of the last four, Ftacnik and Liberzon adjourned with what seemed to be a certain drawn rook and pawn ending, while Sunyè and Torre adjourned in a position rather in favour of the latter.

In the other games, Peters and In the other games, Peters and Chandler had a fairly quick draw, Littlewood and Popovic adjourned in a complicated position after a

opening against Lein and was soon allibert 6 Anderson D's Liberron al and one adj; Fracnik Sunye and Torre 1 and one adj; Len 1 and one posiconed: Brite 4. Speckman 5-. Medial and Penovic 3 and one adj. Peline 3 and one adj. Lilliewood and Pinter 2', and one adj. Bellin 2'.

considerable time scramble, and

Results of round eight: Results of round eight:

Bellin O. Lein 1. queen's pawn op.

22 moves; Littlewood ad v Ponovic
OP. Grunfeld def, 45; Mestel adl v
Pinter. Réit op. 43; Sunyé ad) v
Terre, QCD Siav def, 44. Speelman

1. Andorsson a. Catalan system, 27;
Brito 1. Alburt O. Alekhine's def, 42;
Flacaik. adl v Liborzon. Catalan
system, 41; Peters a. Chandier a.
Robalsch def 20

Adl Sames results round seven:
Pinter O. Chandier 1; Loin 1. Littlewood U: Pracnik a. Poters a.

University news ·

Oxford Mr Ivor Richard, QC, member of the Commission of the EEC, has been elected to an honorary fellowship of Pembroke College. UNIVERSITY COLLEGE: Webster memorial organ scholarship. S. M. Whatkon, The King's School, Canter-bury.

Cambridge Cambridge
Professor N. J. Mackintosh, BA,
DPhil (Oxon), professor of experimental psychology, Sussex
University, has been elected to
the professorship of experimental
psychology from October 1.
M. T Barlow, MA (Trinity), PhD
(Wales), has been appointed university lecturer in pure mathematics and mathematical statistics
from October 1.

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Elections
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Wales Weish National School of Medicine or Ronald Markin, reader in der-matology in the department of medicine, has been awarded a personal chair within the depart-

Correction

The final two paragraphs of the list of entrance awards at Cam-bridge University, published on Monday, should have appeared under the heading of Newnham College.

culated that it was possible to Urey was a brilliant physical separate the hydrogen isotope of atomic weight 2 (common chemist who had specialized in the separation of isotopes. His hydrogen has the atomic weight discovery of heavy hydrogen (deuterium) in 1931 brought 1), physically. This he succeeded in doing in 1931 to produce the "heavy" isotope of hydrogen, called deuterium or, him the Nobel Prize for Chemistry in 1934. He was also Director colloqually, heavy hydrogen. Urey announced this discovery in December, 1931. of the War Research Atomic

PROFESSOR HAROLD C. UREY

Bomb Project during the Second in December, 1931.

This was recognized by the award to Urey of the Nobel Prize for Chemistry of 1934. Urey's work led to a greater interest in the separation of the isotopes of other elements. He led a distinguished school of workers over the years and in Harold Clayton Urey was born in Walkerton, Indiana, on April 29, 1893. He was educated at the University of Montana where he graduated BS in zoo-logy in 1917. When the United workers over the years and in 1937 he separated a heavy iso-States entered the war in that year he went to Philadelphia to help in the manufacture of war tope of nirrogen, nitrogen 15. materials. This experience con-vinced him that industrial chemistry was not his force and directed him towards academic

(Common nitrogen is of atomic weight 14.)

When the War Research Atomic Bomb Project was instituted in 1940 Urey was appointed its director and in this appointment had a prominent role in the development. After the war ended he returned to the University of Montana as an instructor in minent role in the development of the scientific work which underlay the development and eventual production of the world's first nuclear bombs. In chemistry and from there went to the University of California where his interest in physical and mathematical chemistry developed under the influence the meantime his opening of the way to the manufacture of of Gilbert N. Lewis. From Cali-fornia he gained his PhD. From 1923 to 1924 he underwent heavy hydrogen had had an expected ramification of potential use to the enemy. The further valuable development with Niels Bohr at the Institute Norwegian hydroelectric plant at Rjukan had begun to pro-duce deuterium and its oxide. for Theoretical Physics at heavy water, a project which came under German control during the war. Though the Germans were mistaken in Copenhagen, returning to the United States at the end of that time to become associate in chemistry at Johns Hopkins
University a post be held until 1929. In 1929 he was appointed Associate Professor of Chemis
during the war. Though the but a few bonour thinking this the direct route to the construction of nuclear weapons, nevertheless the use three daughters.

Discoverer of heavy hydrogen Professor Harold C. Urey, the try at Columbia University, be-American chemist who disof heavy water as a means for slowing down neutrons in This was the period in which his major work on isotopes was atomic piles was felt to be so important that a commando done. From Aston's researches raid was made on the plant to put this facility beyond the

Germans' power. After the war Urey went to the University of Chicago where he was Distinguished Service Professor of Chemistry from 1945 to 1952 and thereafter Martin A. Ryerson Distinguished Service Professor until 1958. Since that year he had been Emeritus Professor of Chemistry in the University of La Jolla, California.

Urey was a versatile scientist and his work continued in many fields, including the entropy of gases, the absorp-tion of spectra and structure of molecules. He was also interested in the chemistry of the origins of the earth and in 1952 his book The Planets indicated how the principles of physical chemistry could be applied in this field of study. He continued to be fertile with ideas and in 1962 was one of the chief exponents of the novel idea that the moon had not been formed from the earth, as posited in traditional Darwinian theory, but had been

formed independently.
Urey's work brought him many honours from his own country and others. From this country he received the Davy Medal of the Royal Society and Foreign Membership of that society. In America he received the National Science Medal, the Gold Medal RAS, the Chemical Pioneer Award of the American Institute of Chemists, and the NASA Exceptional Scientific Achievement Award, to name

Urey married, in 1926, Frieda Daum. They had one son and

lovsk was torpedoed. It became imperative that Steele should

make his way from the harbour as quickly as possible if he were to save his boat. He had

only just room enough to turn in order to regain the entrance

of the harbour, but he managed to do so with success. All this

time his motor boat was draw ing a heavy and concentrated fire from the line of forts.

Nevertheless he passed close to the forts firing his machine

guns all the way, and passing

out of the harbour he saver his ship. The award to him of

COMMANDER G. C. STEELE, VC

Commander Gordon Charles Steele, VC, RN (retired), Captain-Superintendent of the Thames Nautical College, HMS Worcester, off Greenbithe, from 1929 to 1957, who was awarded the Victoria Cross for conspicuous gallanery, skill and devotion to duty during the attack on Kronstadt Harbour in August, 1919, died on January 4 at the age of 88.

OBITUARY

hydrogen, died in La Jolla,

World War.

Born on November 1, 1892, at Exeter, Steele was the son of Captain H. W. Steele, RN. His mother was Selina May, daughter of the late Major-General Symonds, RMLL After receiving his early education at Vale College, Ramsgate, he became a cadet in HMS Worcester, Nautical Training College. His early service at sea was in the ships of the P & O Steam Navigation Company. He Born on November 1, 1892, at Steam Navigation Company. He obtained very early his master mariner's certificate, and in 1909 he received a commission in the Royal Naval Reserve. When the war broke out in 1914 he was serving in HMS October was transferred to the submarine service, the ships in which he served being the D8 and the E22. It was his good fortune to be appointed to the first Q boat, or mystery ship, commission, and for his part in sinking an enemy submarine in August, 1915, he was mentioned in dispatches.

He was in charge of the coucealed gums in the Q ship Baralong when his ship took by surprise the German sub-marine U27 which had attacked reward for his gallantry he was transferred from the Royal Naval Reserve to the list of sub-

served in the Royal Oak at the Battle of Jutland, and later he was appointed to the Iron Duke. During the latter part of the war, Steele held independent commands. He was captain of HMS P63, a patrol boat, from 1917 to 1919, when he took over command of HMS Cornflower, a sloop. His great chance came, however, in August, 1919, when he was in command of a coastal motor boat during the raid on Kron-

stadt Harbour. The deeds of conspicuous gallantry and skill which won for Steele the Victoria Cross were performed on August 18, 1919. Lieutenant Steele (as he then was) was second-in-command of HM Coastal Motor Boat No 88. In the course of the operations against the Bolsheviks it was necessary for the motor boat to enter Kronstadt Harbour. Soon after entering. the commanding officer, Lieutenant Dayrell-Reed, RN. shot through the head, and in consequence the boat was thrown off her course. Immedi-Conqueror as acting sub- ately Steele became aware of lieutenant, and in the following what had happened he took the wheel and steadied the boat.
After lifting his commanding He fired at a range of one hundred yards, and had the satisfaction of seeing his tor-pedo find its mark. Not content with that, he turned his atten-

lovsk which was overlapped by the Andrei Pervozami, and was partly obscured by smoke which the steamer Nicosian. The was coming from the stricken U-boat was destroyed. As a ship. Naval Reserve to the list of sub-lieurenants RN. Three mouths later he was promoted to lieutenant. In that rank he carried out, and the Petropav-

tion to the battleship Petropav-

the Victoria Cross was notified in the London Gazette of November 11, 1919. After that gallant exploit he returned to more peaceful duties, and in 1923, when it command of Patrol Boat No 31 at Portland, he was promoter to the rank of lieutenant commander. He always had ar aptitude for languages, and i was after this that he fulfiller an ambition by becoming a Naval Interpreter in Russian In March, 1925, as a specialis in anti-submarine duries, he was selected for duty on the staff of the Rear-Admiral o Submarines at Gosport. Hi officer away from the steering next appointment was to the wheel, he got his boat in a new cruiser Cornwall in which convenient position for launchhe served as first lieutenant convenient position for launching a torpedo at the Bolshevik commander from 1927 to 1921 battleship Andrei Pervozanni. on the China station. His las appointment in the Navy wa: to HMS Egmont for duty as Malts. He served there for four months, when he was selected to be Captain Superintendent o

the Thames Nautical Training College, HMS Worcester, of Greenhithe, the ship in which he himself received his early training for the sea. He published several book To get a clear view of the Petropavlovsk, he had an extremely difficult manueuves to perform, but the evolution was skilfully and successfully Business and In My Father's carried out, and the Perropay.

MR THOMAS LITTERICK

Mr Thomas Litterick, Labour formation. Presenting in 1976 MP for Birmingham, Selly Oak, from 1974 to 1979, who has information and Privacy Bill he said it was intended to provide greater public access to official information and to step with the party leadership. In June, 1975, he walked out of a party delegate meeting at party delegate meeting at the privacy of the state holds over him by the collection and party delegate meeting at the privacy of the state holds. party delegate meeting at bedworth, Warwickshire, as the then Mr Harold Wilson was putting the case for the EEC; declaring that his leader was speaking like a Conservative. Defeated at the polls in 1979 he told the Labour conference at Brighton that Mr Callaghan had

Brighton that Mr Callaghan had lost the election for Labour.
Litterick, a university lecturer, was born in May, 1929, and educated at Dundee School of Economics, Queen's College, Dundee, and Warwick University. He was chairman of Kegilworth Labour Party, from Kenilworth Labour Party from Constituency Labour Party from 1970 to 1972. From 1970 to 1974 he served on Kenilworth UDC. He was a member of the Tribune Group and the Association of Scientific, Technical and Mana-

man who fell in love with the pointed MBE in recognition of Welsh border country and its romantic past when he moved to teach at the secondary school at Knighton where he was history master. He believed in taking his pupils out into the field to study archaeological sites and other places of historic interest as much as in book work in the classroom. He worked for several years to overcome strong opposition from farmers and landowners over the establishment of the 168-mile-long Offa's Dyke path, running from Chepstow to

individual from the potential powers the state holds over him by the collection and storage of personal records.

The publication in October. 1977, of extracts from an after-dinner speech in which Sir Richard Dobson, chairman of British Leyland, referred to wogs" and criticized trade unions resulted in Litterick calling for the dismissal of Sir Richard, who subsequently resigned. Seven months later Litterick failed in an attempt to bring the British Levland (Dismissal of Directors) Bill to give the employees of that company powers to dismiss the executive directors.

Litterick organized in July, 1978; a meeting at the House of Commons of the Law Centres' Working Group at which MPs were urged to support the idea of indepen-Revial Staffs.

Litterick was chairman of law centres and to help the the All Party Parliamentary group to secure funding from the Government.

MR FRANK NOBLE

Mr Frank Noble, MBE, the man who pioneered the Offa's eral battles over rights of way. Dyke long-distance footpath, has died at his home in Knighton, Powys, at the age of 54.

Mr Noble was a Yorkshireman who fell in love with the Welsh border country and its romantic past when he moved

DR FRANK

HOWARTH

Dr Frank Howarth, distinguished radiologist, died in Birmingham on New Year's Day. He was 64.

At Corpus Christi, Cambridge, and at the London Hospital he was an outstanding under-graduate and after obtaining his medical degree in 1941 he served as a medical specialist and officer in charge of medical division in the RAMC in Burma and Arakan. He had further clinical experience at the London Hospital before enter-ing radiology. A long apprenfollowed by his appointment as consultant radiologist to the United Birmingham Hospitals and lecturer in Radiological Anatomy in the University of Birmingham in 1954,

He pioneered the catheter technique in angiography in this country and made many impor-tant contributions to the radiological literature. His years of experience in clinical work before becoming a radiologist, his high intelligence and his superb judgment made him a master of his craft. Prominent radiologists all over the world owe much to the training he gave them. Few could rival his expertise and none could equal his courtery his bindance of his his courtesy, his kindness or his .

MR AHMED TAIBI BENHIMA

Mr Ahmed Taibi Benhima, a former Foreign Minister of Morocco, died in Rabat on Dcc-ember 25. He was 53. As a young man he was an Istiqlal Party militant, and after independence in 1956 he held numerous diplomatic posts including that of Permanent Representative at the United Nations. In 1964 he was appointed Foreign Minister and then Director of the Royal Cabinet in 1966.

After three years as Permanent Representative at the United Mariane Cartaly as the Cartaly and Cartaly and Cartaly as the Car United Nations for the second time, he was again made Foreign Minister in 1972; and in 1974 he became Minister of State for Information.

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pathy with the popular part of her audience made her notable. Yet even Parisians will mourn her as something else, as the topic of innumerable anecdotes and the money.

Little cheer in the high street. page 15

Stock markets FT Ind 476.6, down 5.3 FT Gilts 69.02, up 0.19

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INBRIEF

Union backs **BSC** job losses and ciosures

British Steel Corporation last night secured the support of the National Union of Blastfurnacemen to the corporation's survival plan involving plant closures and further loss of

jobs.
The NUB, with an estimated 6,000 members employed by the ESC, is the first union formally to sign an agreement supporting the main proposals supporting the main proposates of the plan drawn up by Mr Ian MacGregor, the corporation's chairman, and now with Sir Keith Joseph, the Industry Secretary.

sccepting the main proposals of the plan, have agreed to defer a 7 per cent wase increase offered to all BSC unions to June 28 this year.
Craft industry unions and white collar workers who are members of the Steel Industry Management Association are expected formally to accept the plan, and will have further talks with the BSC over the next 10 days.

Portals £9m issue

Portals Holdings, the banknote printer and engineer, in which the Bank of England has nearly 29 per cent stake is raising £8.75m after expenses through a £9m issue of convertible loan stock as rights to shareholders. The group wants to expand in the United States Financial Editor, page 15

Appeal dismissed

The Singapore court of appeal Richard Terling against his conviction last year for viola-toions of local company law in the Haw Par affair. Mr Tarling has already completed a six mouth jail sentence originally

Dumping alleged

European Commission officials have opened an anti-dumping inquiry into imports of textured polyester: fabrics from the United States. The inquiry follows complaints from Com-munity producers that Ameri-ran fabrics are selling at below

Heading for a trade war?

Massey meetings

Meetings between Massev-Ferguson's senior management and the company's worldwide bank creditors will resume in London over the next few days, with a joint meeting represent to star on January 15.

Chinese bonds rise

Prices of Chinese bonds reacted sharply yesterday on the stock market, with dealers tak-ing the view that for the first time there was a real possibility of bondholders being repaid. Buyers were attracted to the larger outstanding issues.
Financial Editor, page 15

Buyer for Bamfords

A buyer—not yet named -has been found to take over the 100-year-old farm machin-ery company Bamfords of Uttoxeter, Staffordshire, the liquidarors say.

SDR rate movements The \$-SDR rate yesterday was 1.28628 while the £-SDR was 0.530315.

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Hopes of slackening in monetary growth with rise of only 0.5 pc last month

Financial Correspondent

Monetary growth slackened appreciably last month, lifting official hopes that expansion will show a marked slowdown over the final part of the financial year.

Preliminary estimates by the Bank of England put the growth in sterling M3, the broadly defined money supply, at about 0.5 per cent during the December banking month.

But though the figures rep-

resent a welcome improvement on the 2.1 per cent jump in November, they still need to be treated with caution because December is a odd banking mouth, lasting for only three

By contrast the January banking month, covering the six weeks from December 11 to January 21, will probably pro-vide a far more significant set of figures. Indeed, they could be the figures that will determine whether the Government feels it can afford to make a further cut in interest rares ahead of the spring Budget. At the moment the renewed upward pressure on sterling as dollar interest rates start to fall

suggests that the Government

minimum lending rate on external considerations. But such factors alone are unlikely to prove decisive unless the present pressures on the exchange rate intensify further. Although a 0.5 per cent rise in sterling M3 in December was

etter than financial markets had expected, there was some disappointment about apparent composition of the onetary figures. Whereas many analysis had

been expecting to see another very low figure for the growth in bank lending to the private sector—bank lending to the private sector fell slightly in November—the London clearing banks yesterday suggested that they had seen an underlying rise of £400m in private sector

lending in December.

This does not automatically mean that private sector credit demand is picking up again. More probably it may mean that earlier figures for sterling borrowing by the private sector slightly - understated overall private sector credit demand because some companies may have chosen to borrow in dollars. Once dollar incress rates soared in the final months of last year, British borrowers may have switched could afferd a further cut in back to sterling.

Not only would this explain the upturn in the banks' sterling lending to the private sector in December, but it would also fit in with the overall switching into sterling of bank balance sheets during the month—an offsetting con-

ing M3 terms.
Contrary to market expects. tions, the public sector probably had no more than a neutral impact on domestic credit capansion in December. A further contractionary factor was another large increase in non-resident sterling deposits.

Although the slowdown in

tractionary movement in sterl-

nonetary growth will obviously be welcome news to the author-ities, sterling M3 has grown by almost 20 per cent over the past 12 months and at an annual rate of about 22 per cent since February, the base date for the present 7-11 per cent target

Only if monetary growth between now and the end of the financial year was negligible would the authorities be able to put up a convincing case that underlying growth rate in the 12 months to April was less than 15 per cent.

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Wall St at highest for four years

By Frances Williams
Wall Street closed above the
1,000 mark last night at its
four years. Falling interest
highest level for more than rates and heavy institutional demand for blue chips sent the Dow Jones industrial 'average 12.03 points higher to finish at

1004.69. The downward movement in interest rates caused a further weakening of the dollar the foreign exchange markets.

The Chemical Bank in New York cut its prime rate from 20.5 to 19.5 per ceut, only an hour after Marine Midland, lowered its prime rate to 20 per cent. It joins Morgan Guaranty, which on Monday became the first major bank to cut its prime rate to 20 per cent. But most big banks have kept their rates at 20.5 per cent.

Sterling jumped sharply in early trading to a high of \$2.4335 before slipping back to close at \$2.4255, up 1.40 cents on the day and its highest level

PAYE

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PRICE CHANGES

procedure

The Inland Revenue is to simplify the procedures for

employers operating the pay-as-you-earn system. The changes

will take effect from tax year

year. Employers will otherwise

continue to use the previous

Changes are also to be made

to the arrangements for handling the tax affairs of new employees. Form P46, used

when employees start a new job without a P45, will allow

the employer to show whether the newcomer is a school leaver

or is taking up an additional rather than principal job.

The rules relating to the issue of Form P60—the employee's certificate of pay

and tax—are to be relaxed so that they can be issued before the end of the tax year. None of these changes will have any direct hearing.

In a separate statement the Inland Revenue announced yesterday that a draft order had been laid before both Houses of Parliament propos-

ing to transfer tishe—ecclesias-tical-rents—records from the

Revenue's custody to the Public

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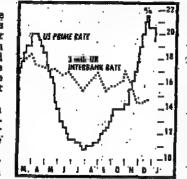
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notes only, as amplied yesterday by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers business,

individual's tax affairs.

bearing on



index opened at 79.3, up 0.5 on the previous day's close, but ended the day up 0.2 at 79.0 Sterling closed at a lower rate

in New York, finishing at \$2.4180/95 compared to the previous day's \$2.4245/55, and the dollar ended the day slightly firmer against most currencies after recovering from its earlier lows.

Its movements largely fol-The pound's trade-weighted deposit rates, and the currency keep interest rates up.

rates firmed slightly.

The foreign exchange markets continue to take the view, on

balance, that United States interest rates have further to fall, and the latest prime rate cut-prompted renewed dollar sales. But a number of analysts believe that rates could rise again in the near future, in the expectation that President-elect Reagan will wish to pursue tough anti-inflation policies.

The pound's high opening levels reflected an overnight declins in the dollar in Far Eastern and American markets.

It declined on profit-taking, partly in anticipation of the United Kingdom bank lending figures published in the after-noon, and fell further when these suggested a lower money supply increase in December than the market expected. Sterling is expected to remain

month corporate tax payments and the issue of gilts removes

Borthwick auditors qualify accounts

By Michael Prest

The accounts of Thomas Borthwick, Britain's biggest meat company which last year lost £10.5m, have been qualified by its auditors, Deloitte Haskins and Sells.

The - accountants say that Instead of sending out annual coding notices for each employee, the Revenue will send out notices only where the tax code has changed during the Borthwick's annual statement is presented as though the company is a going concern on the basis that it negotiates adequate borrowings. They add that in their judgment the company should have made a provision of £1.5m against the possible clawhack of deferred tax

relief. The directors take the view that they are unlikely to make he payment.

Morgan Grenfell is acting for Although Borthwick reduced Borthwick in negotiations. the payment.

total borrowings last year by £11m, its liabilities in the form of bank loans and overdrafts rose by over £1m to £42.3m. In his annual statement Dr Bill Bullen, the company's departing chairman, says that it is hoped to save a further £20m this year through stock reduc-

Bur Mr Richard Wheeler-Bennett, the deputy chairman who is to succeed Dr Bullen ar the end of this month, said last night that the company was in urgent negotiations with a committee of banks led by Barclays. However, he declined to reveal the extent of Borthwick's financial requirements.

from the need for working would remain small.

capital to finance operations in New Zealand and Anstralia where Borthwick has extensive interests. The meat season there is presently in full swing.

on the south coast capable of handling large ocean going ships Mr Wheeler-Bennett said that Australian banks also had loans Shiprepairers, the British Ship-builders' subsidiary. out to Borthwick, and that he cussions have been taking place between Sir Rumphrey Browne, chairman of BTDB and Mr Robert Atkinson, chairman of and the company's finance director would be travelling to Australia and New Zealand

Another aspect of Borth-wick's difficulties is that under present financing arrangements over £10m in loans is due to be repaid within one to two years, with a further £18m due to be repaid in between two and five years.

Mr Wheeler-Bennett said there was no fundamental dis-agreement with the auditors over the principle of the £1.5m clawback provision, made necessary by recent changes in the rules governing deferred tax relief. But the directors considered the changes "unfair and irrational." and had made representations to the Inland

In his annual statement, Dr Bullen said that retail business outlook in Britain and the rest of Europe was good. On aver-age one shop a month would be opened in Britain or France. But he said that the high price financial requirements. of beef meant that margins on Part of the urgency arises exports to the United States

Mail service set to miss cash target

By Bill Johnstone

The postal side of the Post Office looks set to miss its financial targets this year and Mr Ron Dearing, the chairman of Posts and Giro has been in talks with union general secretaries and advisers from the Post Office board in an attempt to find economies.

The Posts target was set at two per cent on a turnover now expected to be about £2,000m this year. This was to have raised a large amount of the £40m needed for

The achievement of the target is now in question and the increases in postal letter rates expected to come into effect on January 26 will not be enough to offset the shortfall.

It is widely held that these increases will be too low to meet the corporations's ambitious programme. The programme has achieved a high level of acceptance over the past five years, but at present a first-class rate of 15p and a second class rate of 12p would be needed to fund it.

The original Post Office revenue raising idea last year was for rises of 3p on first class mail, and 2 1 on second class letters.



Dearing: in talks to find

The rates eventually discussed by the Post Office were 2p on both classes, but after negotiation with interested parties, it was agreed to increase the first class rate by 2p to 14p but raise the second class cale by only 12p to 112p.

This concession could prove to be

serious error of judgment as nearly 60 per cent of the 10,000 million items handled each year travel second class.

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The Post Office may have precipitated the problems itself by promising to freeze tariffs until the end of last year, thereby denying itself the possibility of increasing its income earlier. Users of the service were therefore expecting a fairly large increase parky in 1981

increase early in 1981. The Post Office Users National Council warned its members before Christmas that unless very great savings were made, there could be a second rise in the new year.

The report issued by the council also proposed an annual evaluation of the

effect of productivity agreements on per-formance and quality of service to .cu-::omers.

The Prospects are not altogether bleak. The Post Office had a very successful Christmas employing 10,000 fewer casual workers in the London area alone, while handling virtually the same amount of

mail as last year.

But if large scale economics cannot be made despite an increase in tariffs, it is possible that the much-discussed mechinization programme will be stopped

IBM faces

charges

From Peter Norman

Brussels, Jan 6

munity.

trade abuse

in Brussels

The European Commission

has accused International Business Machines (IBM) of abusing its dominant position as a supplier of computing equipment within the Community

It confirmed today that it

had sent IBM headquarters in Armonk, New York, a letter on

December 19 listing a number

of alleged abuses under article 86 of the Treaty of Rome.

any details of the Commission's complaints arguing that it

provided for IBM to use against

the Brussels authorities if the dispute came to court. The Commission's letter, which is

thought to be a weighty docu-ment, is a first shot in what

could become a long campaign.

IBM has said it is confident that it has fully complied with the rules of the EEC, and today

confirmed that it would respond

to the Commission's statement.

IBM has two months to answer the EEC's formal statement of objections to its busi-

ness practices, whereupon the

Commission will decide either

A spokesman refused to give

Fisons to close four works and cut 1,100 jobs in fertilizer division

By John Husiey
Fisons is to restructure its
ferrilizer business, with the loss
of abour 1,100 jobs—more than a quarter of the division's workforce. Four small works are to be

Four small works are to be closed—at Barking, Essen, where 110 will be made redundant: Plymouth, 120; Boston, Lincolnshire, 95, and Widnes, Cheshire, 120. Phosphoric acid production at its Avonmouth plant is to end with a loss of 100 jobs.

A further 300 workers will be paid off at Fellustowe, where the division's administrative

the division's administrative services are being reorganized, and at Levington, near Ipswich, where research and development facilities are located. Th balance of redundancies will occur mainly at Imminisham, Humberside, where the division operates the largest fertilizer complex in Europe.

Fisons, which employs 11,000 in the United Kingdom, said yesterday that it intended to put the changes into effect from Angl. Consultations have been with the unions involved. But Mr David Warburton, national industrial officer of the

General and Municipal Workers Union, said that there had been no consultation about the closures. 'How can you talk to a company which abuses every agreement we have? I shall be advising our executive to give positive support to our mem-bers in defence of jobs."

The ship repairing industry in

Southampton faces extinction with the lohs of 1,000 jobs after the decision by the British

Transport Docks Board to close two dry docks in the port.

The two docks-the only ones

have been operated by Vospet

Over the past few months dis-

BS, over financing of the loss-

making dry docks Provisional agreement for the

docks to be transferred from the BTDB to BS was reached last

year but the heavy losses being made by BS—likely to top £100m this year—have led the state shipbuilding corporation

to withdraw planned contribu-

rions to cover the cost of mainte-nance and improvement of the

BS, which lost £10.3m on its shiprepair activities last year with Vosper Shiprepair losses

accounting for £4.3m of the total, had planned to have talks

close the docks announced yes-

terday appears to have caught

June 1980, fertilizer sales were But the company gave a worth £98m, against £92m in the corresponding period of 1979. Profits almost doubled from £713,000 to £1.4m. However, the company says that the comparison is misleading, because 1979 figures were depressed by 'ed-verse factors including a lorry affecting Immingbam. In 1978 the fertilizers business produced profits of £6.1m.

Sales during the past year have been generally poor, it is understood. Yesterday, the com-pany blamed high interest rates for the unwillingness of of season, Stocks too have re-Fison's main competitors in

the fertilizers market are the Anglo-Dutch owned UKF, and ICI, from which it buys a siz-able proportion of the astmonia used in production. ICI has a highly advantageous long-term contract with British Gas for the feedstock which it uses in ammonia production. Kellogg jobs go: Kellogg, the breakfast cereal company, is to

make 300 redundant at its Trafford Park, Manchester fac-tory by the middle of April-because of a £5.5m investment programme planned for the next two years.

Southampton dry docks to shut

New equipment would mean. fewer jobs, but it was hoped that the redundancies would be In the half year ending in and voluntary resignation.

Sir Humphrey Browne: chair-

the situation has been dramati-

cally altered and it is the inten-tion, as a matter of extreme

urgency to BS, to consult with the CSEU on the whole future

of shiprepairing at Southamp-

operation at Southampton re-

corded a loss of £653,000, a

large part of which was accounted for by losses sustained on the drydocks which it owns, caused by high mainten-

ance and running costs.

The smaller of the two docks

The board said that it could

total, had planned to have talks with the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering the larger King George V dock Unions on the need to restruction the Southampton operation of the Southampton operation of the larger King George V dock was designed and built to accommodate the Queen Mary,

erday appears to have caught no longer continue to bear the heavy losses of dry docks and in the absence of any agree-

building corporation, which is ment from BS to meet the now attempting to hold-urgent-talks with the CSEU, said: "In the light of the decision by the BTDB to close the two docks, last.

Unions on the need to restruc-ture the Southampton opera-tion. But the BTDB decision to

Last year the BTDE overail

man, British Transport Docks

warning that technological changes and the introduction of new plants; together with improved methods of operation, would mean further redundancies over the next two years. Lockmaker closes: Schvill Security Products is to close its Yale lock-making division a Livingston, West Lothian, with the loss of 163 jobs next March.

The company is negotiating to form a new company which would continue to manufacture some of the products on a sub of the redundant workers. farmers to buy in fertilizers out Fabric factory shuts: Bond Street Fabrics is to close its

loss-making Thompstons factory in Lelcester. About 150 workers will lose their jobs. The company said yesterday that there had been a susbstantial fall in Courtaulds short-time: Court

aulds has our another 112 production workers on short-time at its nylon fibres plant at Aintree, Liverpool, A quarter of short time, averaging three days a week.

New estate: The Scottish Pevelopment Agency plans to site an industrial estate at the disused Dundyvan tube works in Coatbridge, Lanarkshire. It will cost between £4m and £5m and could create 750 jobs in an area badly effected by unemploy-ment. It should be completed within three to five years.

Mr Robert Atkinson : chairman,

transfer had been reached with

BS last year, the BTDB said,

but BS had indicated that it

was unable to stand by that agreement and had declined to

nake any contribution to the

"The BTDB has explained

losses incurred by the BTDB.

to BS that they are unable to

tions, leaving it with no alter

native than to discontinue tion of the dry docks," the

A spokesman for the board

said that the option for BS to

towards the cost of the docks

Only a part of the Vosper Shiprepair workforce would be threatened immediately since

dry docking is not essential for

all the company's work, but clearly dock facilities are essen-

tial if the company is to attract

some

BTDB.said.

remained open,

British Shipbuilders.

to drop the case or proceed against what it considers to be abuses of the Community's free competition rules. An investigation of IBM's was started in July 1974 after eight rival computer companies had complained to Brussels. It is understood that the Commis-

sion has based its complaints on a study of IBM's business be-tween 1974 and 1979.

IBM says that it has co-operated fully in the Commission's inquiry. It has been rether more forthcoming about the details of the Commission's complaints, saving that the objections relate to including minimum main memory in the pricing of certain processes, providing interface information

to competitors and certain software issues. According to IBM, some of the objections raised by the Commission are similar to claims that have already been litigated in the United States and resolved in its favour. IBM is not the first multi-national corporation to be taken to task by the Commis-

sion for alleged breaches of article 86. Article 86 specifies that abuse of a dominant market position can consist of: I Directly or indirectly imposing unfair purchase or sell-

ing prices or other unfair tradin conditions;
2 Limiting production,
markets or technical development to the prejudice of con-

3 Applying dissimilar conditions to equivalent transactions with other trading parties, placing them at a competitive disadvantage :

4 Making the conclusion of contracts subject to acceptance by the other parties of supplementary obligations which, by their nature or according to commercial usage, have no con-nexion with the subject of such

Privy Council asks institution to explain abrupt policy switch

Owen Owen Philips Lamps Polly Peck Saztchi Owen Owen 8p to 116p Philips Laures 7p to 367p Polly Peck 12p to 160p Saatchi 9n to 260p Western Areas 31p to 387p Engineers head towards unchartered waters

The Privy Council is understood to have intervened in the dispute within the Institution of Electrical Engineers (IEE) over plans for a new watchdog body for engineering. The IEE is one of the big three

engineering institutions. The move could cause serious delays in launching the new body because of fresh difficulties involving other engineering institutions and the Council of Engineering Institutions (CEI). The Privy Council, which and polices Royal grants Charters, apparently has asked

the IEE's leadership to explain

why the institution switched

council or revoke its charter. A central factor could be a poll of IEE members carried out in November 1979 when 92 per cent favoured a new watchdog body with statutory backing to operate a licensing system for engineers.

It is understood that a copy of the poll has been called for by Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Industry, who is a member of the Privy Council and who is attempting to get final agreement on the struc-ture of the new body.

Sir Keith has proposed a chartered body and set his face policy without taking account against any statutory backing, of its members' opinions. The But until the middle of last Privy Council has powers to year the IEE was in the fore-

discipline the IEE's governing front of the campaign statutory regulation. Then, following leadership changes, the IEE in a surprise policy switch backed Sir Keith's proposal. There have been suggestions since that the TEE, despite Sir Keith's views, would continue to seek statutory backing in the longer term.

The dispute takes another turn tomorrow with an emergency meeting of the IEE called by a group of members led by 'Mr Arthur Palmer, Labour MP for Bristol Northeast Members will be asked to repudiate the policy switch and secure a return to the IEE's previous stance.

This again would upset Department of Incustry attempts

to secure broad agreement on the watchdog body's structure. These manoeuvres could lead members of the smaller engineering institutions to ques-tion their leaders' commitment to the Joseph Plau.

Also, the CEI has yet to be persuaded that it should give

up its own royal charter to make way for the new organization. The CEI shares concern in the profession that the Department of Incustry favours over 50 per cent representation on the new body for industry rather than individual en-gineers. Much is likely to depend on how many industrialist members are also professional engineers.

Derek Harris

contribution



Highlights from the statement of the Chairman of J. A. Devenish & Company Limited, Mr. A. E. Ledger Hill, O.B.E., D.L., for the 52 weeks ended 26th September, 1980:

* Pre-tax profits maintained in a year of declining trading conditions.

* Following general trends total beer sales down by 3.2%. Successful introduction to the free trade of Carne's Falmouth Bitter and Grunhalle Draught Lager.

* Proposed final dividend of 21.0% makes year's total 30.0% (1979 - 29.5%).

esults at a glance	1980	1979
oup Profit before Taxation	£1,535,591	£1,532,0
oup Profit after Taxation	£837,237	£930,0
ailable for Ordinary		
(after extraordinary items)	£846,485	£1,156,5
tal Ordinary Dividend .	£275,941	£271,3
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rnings per 25p Ordinary Shara	22.4p	24.

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Bonn talks on Polish financing

Polish officials are due in Bonn at the end of this week to discuss their country's financing position with West German economic ministry officials, informed sources say. The talks are not seen as intergovernmental discussions but as low level briefing consultations between officials before the meeting of Poland's Western creditors later this' month in

West Germany has given no direct state credits to Polanc, limiting its interest to loan guarantees, and the sources said this week's talks will not deal with the possibility of any new credits or the rescheduling of

Concorde losses

Ninety per cent of the losses incurred by Air France on its Concorde operations will be covered by the French Government under an agreement signed yesterday with the state-owned airline. Under a previous agreement, which expired at the end of last year, the amounted to 70 per cent. The new sureement expires at the end of 1983.

Chrysler aid denial Pagent in Paris has denied

a Japanese newspaper report that it is considering joint ection with Mitsubishi of Japan to ease Chrysler Corporation's financial difficulties. A spokesman said there was no truth in a report that Peugrot and Missu-bishi would held talks on Chrysler's problems and might discuss buying Chrysler fac-tories outside the United States.

\$15m Hongkong issue The Industrial Bank of Japan approunces he issue of \$15m (£6.25m), three-year floating rute Certificates of Deposit in Hongkong. This is the bank's first CD issue in Hongkong. Interest will be fixed half-yearly at 1.4 per cent above the six-month London Interbank offered rate.

French car plan

The CGT labour union has railed for an emergency plan to help the French car industry. In a letter to President Valery Giscard d'Estaing CGT outlines a plan which includes cuts in petrol prices, a 50 per cent cut in the value-added tax on small and medium range cars, and a freeze of car prices.

(£4,979m), an increase of more than \$400m. Australia's voting powers have been increased and Australia will be required to contribute more to the Fund's operations.

Air crash decision

Three Chicago appeals court judges have ruled that McDonnell Douglas cannot be sued for punitive damages over the crash of one of its DC-10 jets in the worst aviation disaster in United States history on May 25, 1979, when 273 people were killed.

Fiat talks continue

Fiat will send a delegation to China later this month to continue talks on a possible multi-million dollar contract to build a diesel engine plant at Loyang, central China, and modernise an existing tractor plant in north China, a Fiat spokesman said in Turin,

Satellites order

Matra has been awarded satellite orders worth a total 1.260m francs (2113m) by France's National Space Research Centre. The order is for Matra's "spot" observation satellites and for communications satellites, the company said.

Philippine strike

Mr Elas Ople, the Philippine labour minister has ordered about 6,500 miners to return to work, as the strike in one of the country's biggest gold mining companies, the Benguet Corporation, entered its second day.

German bank meeting The German Federal Bank is

unlikely to make any changes it its credit policies at its first central council meeting of the New Year tomorrow, banking economists and market sources

Steel cutback

Nippon Steel, Japan's largest steelmaker, is holding down crude steel production in the January-Harch quarter to 7.1 million tons, the lonest level in

Rupee devalued

The Reserve Bank of India devalued, the rupee against sterling by 1.31 per cent to a new middle rate of 19.10 to the pound from 18.85.

£375m refinery

Santos Petroleum is to build a A5750m (£375m) port and refinery for crude oil and natural gas products at Why-alia, South Australia.

Hopes rest on award winning vehicle as group's sales slump

Leyland's truck drive into Europe

Leyland Vehicles, BL's commercial vehicle subsidiary, which is expected to record losses of between £25m and £30m for 1980, has launched a big sales drive into Europe in the hope of boosting sales of its T45 Roadtrain truck.

The £3.5m campaign has been instituted at a time when the United Kingdom truck market has fallen to the new low levels. market has fallen to the new low levels. This year, some manufacturers believe that total sales of commercial vehicles in Eritain will be 40 per cent down on 1979. It was announced vesterday that the Roadtrain, one of a new family of LVL trucks that has cost £60m to design and develop, has been named Truck of the Year for 1981. LVL said that the award, made by a panel of journalists from 10 countries, would be of incalculable value in the new European drive.

countries, would be of incalculable value in the new European drive.

Much of LVL's expected loss for last year occurred in the second half when the home market began to slide into deep recession. The company has streamlined its overstion with a series of redundancies, which will mean the loss of a further 2,600 jobs in two months' time.

By then, LVL's labour force will be down to shout 18 500 from its January 1979 level

to about 18.500 from its January 1979 level of more than 28,000. Most of LVL's workers are working short time. The T45 project is part of LVL's £350m. five-year development programme and the drive into Europe comes as BL awaits a

decision from the Government on its request for additional funds to help to finance its latest corporate plan, which will cost about £1,200m. BL's overall loss for 1980 is expected to be £350m-£400m. The top-weight Roadtrain is to be launched in Belgium, France, Holland, Spain, Portugal and Denmark and it is hoped that sales will exceed 300 this year. In the United Kingdom, where the vehicle

has won 15 per cent of the high-premium

articulated tractor market, sales of



The T45 Roadtrain: named as the Truck of the Year by journalists from 10 European countries.

between 900 and 1,000 units are expected

Mr Ian Wilson, LVL's newly-appointed Mr Ian Wilson, LVL's newly-appointed European operations director, yesterday said that it was planned in the next two or three years to double the company's share of the heavy vehicle markets in Europe. "We are going to select carefully the markets where we can get the best growth opportunities", he said.

The Roadtrain which is to be joined by

The Roadtrain; which is to be joined by the next member of the T45 range—a medium-sized truck — in the next two weeks, is to be sold through LVL's 205 European distributors, many of whom are already BL car dealers. Mr Wilson stressed that, despite the disadvantage of a high value pound, the trucks would be sold at competitive prices.

Leyland Vehicles, now the heavy truck market leader in Britain, is beginning to see the fruits of its big capital spending programme after a decade of under-investment.

Edward Townsend

More work short-time | Liquidation warning but fewer strikes

Ev David Blake

Economics Editor
The recession's sharp impact on employment and working hours is charted in the latest issue of the Department of Employment Gazette, which shows a big increase in short-time working last surumn.

At the same time the number of poeple in employment also fell sharply. But, perhaps because of the downturn in the labour market, 1980 looks like emerging as a year when an unusually small number of days were lost through industrial

A total of 467,000 workers, 10.4 per cent of the total employed in manufacturing, was on short-time working in Octo-ber. On average, each lost 15.4 hours or about 38 per cent of the standard working week. The total in lost hours was 7.19 million, 1.82 million up from September. Most indus-

from September. Most industries were affected, with parti-cularly severe problems in steel, motor cars and textiles and

Most people on short time lose a few hours a week. But some are laid off for up to a week at a time. Government subsidies have encouraged companies to put their workers on to short time rather than to make them redundant.

But despite these incentives the number of people in em-ployment declined sharply. The total number of people em-ployed in industry fell, on a seasonally adjusted basis, by 94,000 in October to 8,258,000. Since May 1979, 700,000 jobs have disappeared in industry. Total employment is now 15

per cent below its 1973 level. The only good news in the latest figures is the sharp re-duction in days lost through strikes, which fell to 157,000 in November, about a quarter of the days lost in the same mouth last year.

In the first 11 months of 1980, a total of 11.9 million days were lost, compared with 29.28 million days lost in the

by BSC chairman

If the 130,000 workers employed by the British Steel Corporation failed to accept a survival plan it could lead to the liquidation of the business. Mr Ian MacGregor, chairman of the BSC said yesterday.

The corporation is conduct-

ing a ballot of the workforce on the plan, which means a sixmonth pay freeze, the closure of some works and the shedding of at least 20,000 jobs.

Ballot forms have been dis-tributed by the Electoral Reform Society and the result will be announced at the end of next week. This ballot coincides with another being organized by the Iron and Steel Trades Confed-

eration the industry's largest single union whose members are being urged to reject the

Interviewed ou Independent Radio News, Mr MacGregor, who has warned workers that their support is vital if he is to persuade the Cabinet to provide a further £750m of tax-

payers' money for the BSC next year, said: "If our employees preponderantly reject what we preponderanty reject what we are proposing to do, we are really starting the process of liquidation of the company, because if the employees do not believe in working for its future, why should anyone else?" else 7

He reaffirmed the importance which the BSC attaches to the ballor in an interview with BBC television when he said that if workers showed by their replies that they were not prepared to make the enterprise a success, he would consider it imprudent to ask the Government for more

Mr William Sirs, general secretary of the ISTC des-cribed the BSC ballot as "ludicrous, nonsense and a waste of money".

He said: "Our members do not respond to these sorts of threats. Threatening the work-force in this way does not necessarily produce the results Mr MacGregor wants."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Killing 'the goose' with fuel tax

From Mr A. J. Forrester

Sir, It may be naive to suggest it, but it seems that we are allowing depression hysteria to obscure the true tragedy of the present situation in Great Britain.

We are in an unique position among the nations of the world. We, alone, have the combination of our own oil and coal, manufacturing capacity, capability and manpower. Add to that the advantage of the pound's international strength, keeping down the cost of imported raw materials, and we should be in a position to beat the world with our manufac-tured goods

It is a proven fact of economics that a reduced unit price increases sales, turnover

and profit.

To inflate the price of fuel,

especially oil and gas, to fund Government spending, is to kill the goose before it reaches puberty.

Fuel represents a major factor in industrial and private budgeting. To treat it as a source of taxation revenue, may be an ideal short-term political face-saver, but is disastrous in long-term effect.

Cutting the cost of fuel would not hinder the development of oil and gas supplies. However, it would give British industry the fillip it requires to cut costs and become unbeatably competitive.

This would stimulate employment, thereby reducing the burden of unemployment costs, and stimulate domestic demand, thus building up the home market, so essential to manu-

- The Government might well suffer a serious, short-term cash-flow problem, but this would be salved as direct taxes on corporate profits, and private incomes, increase,

while the cost of funding unemployment reduces. As a by-product, this acrion would reduce the cost of living and so inflation. This, in turn might encourage union leaders

to accept realistic wage settle ments. Can it be that easy? Have? missed some subtle point is the swinging of the fuel tay sledge hammer? Yours faithfully,

A. J. FORRESTER, Teddington,

Survival of mass car production must similarly be based a

From Mr N. Hussain Sir, Mr Bourlet's letter (December 30) gives a welcome insight into the realities of

left-wing measures to help the economy (high tariffs, etc); however, he seems to have taken for granted the loss of mass produced car production in Great Britain. Yet on the same day Professor Bhaskar's report revealed the political

and economic "unaccepta-bility" of their closure. Mr Bourlet suggests comparative advantage lies elsewhere in the United Kingdom economy, but surely the comparative advantage which Japan possesses in motor production is the product of her successful earlier investment,

investment to improve our own production—it cannot simple confused conjured up out of thi Yours faithfully,

N. HUSSAIN, London School of Economics, New Hall, 90 Rosebery Avenue,

Domestic lesson for the national economy

The survival of mass car pro-duction in the United Kingdom

From Mrs Marion Monahan Sir. " Why is it that our standard of living is going up when everyone else's is going down?"

This question from one of my children who had been listering attentively to the "news" made me feel as skilled as an arm. made me feel as skilful as an industrialist of one of our boom-ing companies must feel when asked by a worker: "How is it that we have plenty of over-time, a Christmas bonus and a pay rise, while other firms are laying off workers? "

Or as the head of state of one of the countries at the top of the EEC league table when asked by a member at the bottom: " How is it that you have raised your economic perform-ance while ours is sinking rapidly?

And being an irrespressibly didactic mother this letter maswers my child's question. After all, one day he may have to take responsibility for the management of a family, or a business, or an organization.

Seven years ago my husband was made redundant through ill-health and I was faced with the prospect of bringing up seven children, five at school and two under five, on invalid-ity benefit. My husband's illness required constant mursing on my part so there was no question of my being able to go out to work. But we had advantages -a large garden to grow food in and an oil-fired heating system which was economical to

No family is an island, how-

ever, and world circumstances soon rocked our little boat. The price of heating oil soured, the children's shoes and clothes become major items on the budget, food became dearer. I blessed the small Scottish town where I spent my childhood. There I had survived through the Depression and the short-ages of war-time—I knew how to cope.

But our family has more than coped. We have climbed out of our recession brought about by the oil crisis. When our weekly bill for our 15-year-old boiler was touching £8 per week we modernized. The gas system which replaced it now "saves" us £5 per week and has paid for its own installation cost in

ing has meant enough capital the buy a home freezer. Bulk bu ing and storing garden produc is saving £10 per week on the food bill, which means I canow buy a vacuum cleaner reduce the time I now sper cleaning the house.

Hopefully, I will be able use this time to do what I a really best at-craft wor gardening and writing. should increase our standard living even further by provi ing craft articles and delicaci for my family which would co a great deal to buy.

So the world hit our fami with a hammer and we bounce back to shape. It also hit o industry and our country as whole. If they are to boun back too is not the secret to found in my story? 1. Cut your coat to fit yo

cloth—just as I was taught Scotland. . 2. Modernize when absolute necessary. Yours sincerely,

MARION MONAHAN. 90 Brentry Lane, Brentry, Bristol BS10 6RQ.

Loss likely this year for British Airtours

a loss this year.

The company, which carries passengers for BA's own packpassengers for BA's own pack-age tour companies of Sovereign, Enterprise and Speedbird, as well as many other operators, predicts a surplus for the year of £800,000 justes of the £1.8m which BA had planned. After the payment of interest

on the capital invested in the start of a new aircraft fleet to replace the company's aging and costly to run 707s, Airtours is likely to make a loss, though it is not yet clear by how much.
Mr Stephen Hanscombe,
managing director of Airtours, has written in an internal memorandum to staff: "This is a disappointing result for the first year in which we have the advantage of our new and more efficient aircraft, but it does reflect the very difficult condi-

tions in air transport at the present time". present time".
Last year Airtours made a record profit of £4.2m after interest and before tax, compared with £1.7m the previous year. It was one of the bright spots in BA's annual report which disclosed a £58m drop in post-rax and dividend profit to £4m.

The company's problems in

The company's problems in the charter market are likely to be reflected in some of its rivals in coming months. Mr Hanscombe predicts in his memoran-

Australia credit

The international Monetary Fund. has raised Australia's credit rating enabling it to borrow just over \$12,000m (64.970m) an increase of the like being some 20 per cent operations, is expected to make of leading town operations. of leading tour operators have launched large programmes, but already some of them are

having to cut back. "In addition, because there is a good deal too much capacity on the market, revenue rates are depressed as well as pro-grammes being reduced."

Airtours' problems have been aggravated by the recession in schedule airline business. It had planned to operate two of its Boeing 737s for BA's mainline operations, but the fall in business meant that they were not required. The decision came too late for Airtours to try to sell the aircraft elsewhere. Airtours planned to fly 23,200 hours last summer and

finished the season with a short-fall of 1,800 hours. Its planned flying hours for the winter have not been disclosed, but the coppany expects them to fall 2,000 hours below the budget. British tour operators were optimistic on future bookings when launching their brochures for next year, adding a total of around 20 per cent

extra capacity in the charter Claims that the increase capacity is being matched by bookings are being met with some sceptimism in the travel business. At least one big package operator's pre-Christmas bookings were below the previous year's levels.

Union plea

Washington, Jan 6.—Mr Douglas Fraser, president of the United Auto Workers, said Chrysler cannot survive unies:

Mr Fraser said there is still a chance for Chrysler if all parties involved made concessions.

meet with Chrysler executives in Detroit tomorrow to spell out what they will want in return for wage concessions.

Chrysler has asked the workers to accept a 21-month wage freeze. Mr Fraser declined to say whether this was acceptable.

He said there is a possibility the union may ask Chrysler to share future profits with workers.

seeking another \$400m. Mr Fraser told reporters "Instead of giving them \$400m, why not give the . \$700m?"

fices as the workers. want to make a corresponding sacrifice, should just write off the loans [to Chrysler]", he

to Chrysler creditors

the economy improves and interest rates come down.

He said UAW officials would meet with Chrysler executives

Mr Fraser said Chrysler should ask the Government for all the federal loan guarantees for which it is eligible. Chrysler has been granted \$800m of the \$1,500m in guarantees that Congress has authorized and the company is

He added he expects others involved in the Chrysler dilemma to make as many sacri-

"I think the banks, if they

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NEDO claims Japanese economic recovery provides lesson for UK

By Peter Hill Industrial Editor

Mr. Geoffrey Chandler, director general of the National Economic Development office has said that it would be arreprising if Japan's entry into the front rank of developed indus-trial countries did not provide lessons for the United King-

dom.
Amid growing concern over the incoads into the European market being made by Japanese exports, NEDO has produced a study of Japan's economic and industrial performance. The industrial performance. The results of the study form one of a series of occasional discussion papers trying to establish the reason for the continuing economic success of some of Britain's main compe-titors and suggest areas which

Government, industry and trade unions might exploit.

In a foreword to the report
Mr Chandler said: "It would be folly not to try to learn from those who have been more successful than us in a world of industry and technology in which national boundaries are of diminishing importance."

Mr Roger Gibbs, the author of the paper emphasized the important role played by the government in the development and implementation of industrial policy in Japan.

Not only did the Japanese Government determine the economic framework and pursue certain macro-economic policies, it had also tried to stimulate and guide development. This has been undertaken largely through the encourage-

ment of consensus with industry and the financial institutions, with only marginal commitment of government resources", he government resources", he said.
The consensus policies and the interplay between govern-ment and industry had taken place against a backcloth of social attitudes and institutions which differed in a number of

ways from those found in other

They included loyalty to the company by employees and the effects of employment and payments systems which provided for increased flexibility in 'he

development of both capital and

especially the all pervasive activities of the Ministry of International Trade and

body being the Industry Struc-ture Council set up by ministry 16 years ago which with its main sub-committees advised on short and long-term industrial policy. It was unlikely that Britain could expect to achieve signifi-cant benefits by borrowing only certain Japanese institutions and policies. To have any effect it would have to make a number of changes.

In Japanese industry there was also an acceptance by the financial institutions of high overhead costs "and hence high apparent risk", and there was the traditional close involvement of banks with companies, and the rote of government as a lender of last resort.

One of the most significant and intriguing features of Japanese economic development was the rote of government, especially the all pervasive activities of the Ministry of

Industry.

A network of advisory councils had been set up, the main body being the Industry Struc-

number of changes.

cessful economics — Japan.

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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Towards the next decision on MLR

ost of funding The preliminary indication that sterling M3 grew by around one half per cent in the tion. This in its December banking month was rather better than financial markets had been going for. But if that was a plus point, there was some disappointment about the apparent composition of monetary growth last month,

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that easy? Hay Whereas most analysts had been expecting another low figure for bank lending to the private sector, outweighed by a large expansionary influence from the public sector, the situation appears to have been precisely the reverse. The disappointment in this lies in the fact that whereas a low figure for hank lending would have strongly confirmed the feeling that growth in private sector credit demand was now decelerating fast, a large figure for the public sector's contrihution to domestic credit expansion would have been accentable in view of the turnround in the public sector's finances expec-

to improve our. As it turns out, it would seem that the advantage in a seasonally adjusted PSBR for the period was q nb onf of a well down on the November figure and that the non-bank private sector's take-up of public sector debt was higher than official debt sales might suggest. Instead, the real expansionary force in DCE looks to have heen private sector loan demand, with the clearing banks alone suggesting an underlying increase of some £400m.

After 'some of the figures seen earlier

last year that is not one to get alarmed about, however. What is more, it may well COnom he that the figure has been inflated by the rorporate sector switching back into sterling borrowing as the cost of short term dollar borrowing soared.

Where all this leaves us is another matter. ring sarden prod Earking December is an odd month, being in the weeks long. Banking January, which means it lesting six weeks, is equally odd and likely vacuum clean to provide a much more significant set of time I now he figures. But those figures, which at this stage may well be considered to hold the be ab key to any MLR cut ahead of the Budget, he in that it are unlikely to be pieced together until near the end of the month.

Howden Group th would be with the bulls are there

It looked as though bulls were taking profits in Howden Group yesterday. The share price of the Glasgow-based air-gas and fluid article handling equipment maker fell 16p to 120p on unchanged interim profits of just over £3m accompanied by a maintained dividend. But the reason for the bulls being there in the first place still stands. Howden's record against the mechanical engineering sector



Sir Francis Tombs, former chairman of the Electricity Council, who has just joined Hoween Group's board.

has been outstandingly good, and, despite the battering others have taken during the recession, it should maintain some sort of growth this year.

There are some short-term gaps in home order books, but overseas, particularly in South Africa and Australia, business is good. What really counts, however, is that within the next few weeks Howden will sign contracts, worth perhaps £80m spread over five or six years, for supplying gas circulators for the new AGR nuclear power stations. This, a sound balance sheet and the fact that Howden should still cover its dividend

Ignoring reporters' questions with composure and charm he stepped off an overnight British Airways 747 flight from

Washington with his wife Paddie and without a sign of

ing with the Iron Lady in her

He then adjourned to the

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schedule of meetings with covernment departments over

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jet lag was taken straight to Number 10 for a 10 am meet-

Study.

on a current cost basis are reflected in a share price rated on a yield of 4.3 per cent and a p/e ratio of 71.

The shares have just about doubled during the past twelve months and there must be a temptation to take profits, though investors with a long-term mixed portfolio could hardly find a safer engineering hold" at present.

Portals' rights

Leaving little to chance

Third time lucky? Portals, the banknote and engineering concern is raising a net £8.75m through a rights issue at par of £9m of convertible loan stock 1994-2000 in the ratio of £1 nominal of stock for every two shares held. Just before Christmas London Merchant Securities said that 86 per cent of its £25m effort was left with underwriters; just

after Christmas Arthur Bell admitted that

underwriters were lumbered with 75 per

cent of its £14m stock... Portals wants its money by February 13, so even though the Bank of England with 28.8 per cent of Portals' shares is taking up its entitlement—Morgan Grenfell has underwritten the rest-the merchant bank and its sub underwriters will have plenty of time to worry. Meanwhile one thing is clear. If the Portals convertible flops, this form of fund raising is dead. Underwriters can take

Happily, the terms of the Portal's convertible show that Morgans and broker Rowe Pitman are leaving little to chance. And yesterday Portals shares rose 5p to 383p, in contrast to the plunges suffered by both

London Merchant and A. Bell.

The rise was justified. Portals also reported a rise in 1980 pre tax profits from £11m to £12m, almost maintaining the interim pace, and the dividend is to be 11.4 per cent bigger. Even so the yield is still only 4.6 per cent while the coupon on the convertible is 92 per cent. Nor has the group and its advisors made the mistake of pitching the convertible's conversion price too high. The effective conversion price from 1984 on is

Portals wants the money (despite a clean balance sheet) for a big United States acquisition, and to finance much bigger water treatment contracts, one of which is under negotiation in the Middle East. Selective acquisitions are also indicated, and the record suggests that Portals will use its new money wisely.

• For the first time since 1949 there seems to be a real chance that holders of Chinese bonds will be repaid. False dawns have broken before, but on this occasion the com bination of the remarkable political change in Peking, the determination of the British Government to settle all outstanding Chinese claims, and the precedent of the 1979 American agreement, makes a settlement probable. 💎

The markets certainly thought so, with normally somnolent dealings leaping back to life as speculative buyers scrambled for the bigger outstanding issues. At the moment, the sellers seem to be holding back, partly because those who bought in the last wave of enthusiasm two years ago are waiting for prices to reach the point where they

can make a profit.

But, as we saw with Rhodesian bonds, this is a market which can easily overheat. While it is understandable that bondholders -at £61m the unredeemed bonds have the biggest face value of all the claims listed the Council of Foreign Bondholdersshould be more optimistic, and that specula tors should see the prospect of quick capital gains, it is most unlikely that a settlement could be reached for at least two years. Yesterday's excitement could, therefore, be

premature. It is also far from certain that the full value of the outstanding bonds will be paid, and the Chinese Government has not yet abandoned its position that no prerevolu-tionary debts will be honoured all the bonds were in default before 1949. Nevertheless, the normally cautious Council is allowing itself a small smile, and if a successful settlement is reached it will be another credit to one of the City's more arcane, but

Economic policy: why the Government must keep its nerve

impose a new shock on

the economy and would ensure that the

sufferings of 1980 were in vain³

It is hard to believe those sup-porters of Government policy who claim that it is all going according to plan, but at the same time we need not accept the claim that the failures were totally predictable. The past year brought surprises for To alter the constraints now would simply year brought surprises everybody; what lessons can be learnt about the behaviour of the economy and the future course of economic policy?
In 1980, the British economy

was subjected to a massive shock in such cases it is extremely difficult to predict in detail how the economy will respond; we do not know which parts are inflexible and which parts will alter rapidly and extensively.

The shock to the economy was the combination of a conand a rapid increase in wages. In terms of their international purchasing power, wages in manufacturing rose by more than 15 per cent in real terms during the last pay round. This was fer more than the economy could afford and the company sector was forced to find ways to adjust.

The strengthening of interna-tional competition as the world boom came to an end and the rise in the exchange rate meant that firms could not pass the higher wages on in higher prices. They held prices down and as a result the level of final and fixed capital investment remained reasonably strong for much of the year, but the stran-gulation of cash flows and profits led companies to seek desperately for some way of

aving money.

They ran down stocks and so cut orders and production. Stocks nok much of the strain, but it was not enough. Employ-ment was cut drastically. It is quite exceptional for unemployment to rise so early and so rapidly in response to a fall in

a growth in the supply of money, which the personal sector was happy to hold at high real rates of interest. The problem is that the Government has no short-term guide to its financial policy. It does not know how to react Thus the pressures on the economy and particularly on when monetary growth exceeds the upper: limits for several the company sector produced a sharp fall in ourput and stocks, months at a stretch. Indeed, it admits that it cannot effectively control the growth of M3 over a period as long as four months a sharp rise in unemployment and, most ironically, a rapid rise in the money supply (ster-

the financial strain completely.

Companies were forced to bor-

row heavily and this generated

ling M3).

or more. In terms of its longer-term What are the lessons for policy? The experiences of 1980 have revealed a major problem to which it is hard to objectives this may be perfectly acceptable, but the idea that the growth of sterling M3 should be on course "taking one year with another" is simply not a sufficient guide to action. see any solution. It concerns the behaviour of sterling M3—the cornerstone of the Government's medium-term strategy.

It is this lack of a short-term indicator which made it impos-The excessive growth of the money supply in 1980 was partly a response to the pressures on the economy. The sible for the Government to judge when it was safe to allow interest rates to fall. (It chose Government chose (largely by default) to let the money supply grow and thereby reduced the problems of the company sector without any immediate cost in terms of inflation, although the longto cut minimum lending rate by 2 per cent at a time when M3 was still way above its limit. This may have been correct, but is difficult to justify within the context of the medium-term fin-ancial strategy.) inflation, although the long-term effect is open to question. In doing this it demonstrated that it did not regard control of M3 as an over-tiding short-term objective of economic policy. In terms of fiscal policy the aim of reducing the underlying growth

The search for a clearer indicator justifies the revived interest in monetary base control, not as a means of controlling M3 but as a short-term guide to policy. But even though monetary base control may proof the money supply will remain, presumably, a prime objective. But the short-term vide the answer, its introduction would have to be largely experimental, so that in the

But even this did not relieve relationship between fiscal crucial next year or so the Gov-he financial strain completely. policy and the growth of the ernment would not know how companies were forced to bor- money supply is, admittedly, to use it. ernment would not know how to use it.

> It is as if a major operation were to be carried out using a new monitoring device in which nobody knew quite what the numbers meant or what the safety margins were. I suspect that the probem may be insoluble, at least in the transi-tional stage while inflation is being reduced and while the economy is still under con-siderable strain.

> At the same time a familiar lesson has been reinforced. This painfully is that medium-term strategy " is accurately named. It covers only one part of the Government's activities—namely its financial operations—and it is a strategy for the medium term. It was not intended to solve all the short-term problems of the economy; indeed, it was always likely that it would add to them.

I believe that a medium-term financial strategy is an essential part of any attempt to produce long-term price stability. But belief in its role as a framework for policy is one thing; it is quite another to know how it will operate as a device for reducing the inflation rate from more than 20 per cent a year to under five per cent (or whatever target the Government has in mind). We have seen that considerable

momentum from the inflation of 1979 and 1980. Since wages did not adjust, employment adjusted instead.

The bitter experiences of 1980 raise questions about how rapidly the counter inflationary policy should bave proceeded and whether is should have been reinforced by other measures to control inflation directly. As far as the future is concerned, I believe that it would be disastrous to abandon or modify the

medium-term strategy now. The first year was bound to be the worst. In its attempt to produce a regime of stable macro-economic policies, the Government started by making changes which caught much of the economy by surprise. The problems for industry were greatly increased by the unexpected (and largely un-explained) rise in the exchange rate. Last year also revealed weaknesses in the Government's own policy instruments. Apart from the question of sterling M3, there is also the potentially far more serious question of whether the Government can control public expenditure.

But, if the strategy is maintained, the economy will be able

to come back into balance. There are already encouraging signs that wages at least in the private sector are coming into line with the constraints of the medium-term financial strategy.
As wages adjust, it will be possible for output and employment to come back to normal

To alter the constraints now would simply impose a new shock on the economy and would ensure that the sufferings of 1980 were in vain.

Alan Budd

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John Huxley

Is Europe heading for a trade war with US?

Fresh talks aimed at averting a damaging trade war between the European Community and the United States will take place over the next few weeks. The main cause of conflict between the two trading blocks is the American system of sub-

sidizing energy prices. This confers upon domestic producers, especially in industries which use the cheap energy both as fuel and feedstock; distinct and undentable cost advantages. Britain, in particular, has complained vociferously that

hese advantages are unfair. It alleges, too, that they have provided the basis for large-scale disruption by United States exports of several key synthetic textiles and chemi-

Until now ministers on both sides have preferred to "jaw" rather than to go to war. . In recent weeks, however, there have been clear signs that the patience of some Community members is becoming exhausted and that unless action is taken soon to remedy their long-running grievance over energy costs there could e a sharp and serious deterioration in .trade. relations. .

Mr. Cecil Parkinson, Minister for Trade in a government which has resolutely refused to e stampeded into protection by the domestic textile and clothing lobby, has given a candid warning of the potential dangers.

"There is an obvious unfairness which is much resented by America's trading partners throughout the world. Unless some action is taken to remove that unfairness, further unfairness will be perpetrated to balance that and away we shall go on the beginnings of a the Council of Ministers has instructed the commission to hold new talks with the Americans and report back on progress at its February meeting. At the same time Mr Parkin-son has told the new Admini-stration of President-elect Reagan that artificial pricing of energy must be ended; "deregulation" of oil and gas prices, not due to be complete by 1985, must be accelerated. Meanwhile, the United Kingdom Government wants to see

evidence of greater restraint by Washington administration and American producers, pre-sumsby either by limiting their market ambitions to an agreed percentage or by not setting prices at a level which is unrealistically low by Eu

Pressing advantage

In fact, the Americans have been slow in pressing their advantages, which also include a large and fairly homogenous domestic market, large econo-mies of scale and, in recent years at least, a dollar exchange rate which has made its pro-ducts highly competitive in European markets. It is only in the past couple of years that the United States has made a determined attempt to boost

exports.

Britain was a natural target for America's big push in tex-tiles, which resulted in an increase in total export volume in 1979 of 45 per cent over 1978. Apart from the common language, geographical convenience and its free trading tradition, Britain has a well developed and highly concen-

Needled by the greater pub

licity won by its more militant continental counterparts and

believing that, with Mrs Sally Oppenheim in charge, consumerism in Britain has gone distinctly off the boil, the Con-

sumers' Association is at last planning to mobilize its task force of more than 600,000 subscribers to Which? maga-

The next issue will launch a

trio of campaigns and ministers and. MPs must expect- a lot more letters on the chosen sub-

jects. The association is supply-ing campaign kits to all

The first things Which? wants to excite its readers

about are import controls on

foreign clothing, the Common Agricultural Policy, and shop hours legislation. They will pit

themselves against the textile

and clothing lobbies arguing

that it is mechanization

interested readers.

trated retail and wholesale polyester filament and nylon They are aware that the West structure, which makes it vul-nerable to a determined sales

Equally understandable was the decision to attack the manmade sector of that market. British industry leaders allege that the energy cost differential alone confers a price advantage of more than 10 per cent on American products in European markets. At a time when these mar-

kets were depressed and Euro-pean producers were grappling severe over-capacity, American imports surged. In-dustry figures, suggest that the United States share of the man-made fibres market in Britain has increased from almost nothing to nearly a third over the past 18 months.

Comparing the first nine months of 1980 with the corres-ponding period in 1978 in-creases were recorded as follows: polyester filament yarn, 206 per cent: man-made fibre bed linen, 317 per cent; man-made fibre tufted carpets, 931 per cent; and nylon carpet vern, 95 per cent. Throughout 1980 fears grew of a similar surge in the export of other petrochemical-based products from the United States

Action to stem the flow has so far been piecemeal and, British industry leaders would argue, ineffective. Last February, Britain was allowed by the commission to introduce quotas under the rules of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Cart) article XIX quotas under the rules of the range of problems." West General Agreement on Tariffs Industry leaders fear, how-tive." and Trade (Gart) article XIX ever, that as before, talks will source aimed at curbing imports of drag on in desultory manner. club.

carpet yarus. A quota for man-made carpets was refused. Subsequently, anti-dumping duties were imposed on several pro-ducts coming from America and European chemical industry leaders were at one time pre-paring cases for action against

British ministers acknowledge that this package of measures has failed to tackle the root nas fatied to tactle the root cause—energy pricing. Just before Christmas they announced that they would not seek renewal of the quotas. The man-made fibre producers had always argued that the quotas offered too little, too late.

action

The Americans were clamouring—as they were entitled to under article XIX—for compensation for the loss of business incurred. British wool textiles exports were a prime target for

exports were a prime target for retaliatory action.

The balance of advantage did not lie in maintaining the quotas, the Government concluded. Instead, it announced its new initiative—" a common Community approach at forcing the United States to examine and rectify "the whole range of problems".

Germans are unwilling to push the Americans too hard on energy for fear of exacerbating trade difficulties and suspect that the commission in general —maybe even the British Government, too-lacks the political will to press wholeheartedly the textile industry's case.

This may prove an especially embarrassing task at a time when the United Kingdom Government is engaged in a debate about whether to reduce the burden of energy costs to domestic industry.

Much will depend on the

future pattern of American exporting. If, in spite of a re-covery in domestic markets, United States producers maintain their drive, it is likely that raised within the Community for a hard line to be adopted.

Already, the British textiles industry has said that it would prefer to see the American threat dealt with under the provisions of the Multi-Fibre Arrangement (MFA), the comolicated mechinery by which international trade in textiles and clothing is regulated. For one thing, such action would not allow the Americans to seek compensation, as permitted

under Gatt.
Equally, if not more important, it would demonstrate that the MFA is not merely a tool in the hands of the powerful, industrialized nations of the West for use against "cisrup-tive" imports from low-cost sources outside this rich man's

Little cheer in the high street

The best the retail trade expected of Christmas was a reasonable sales springboard into 1981. With the possible exception of smaler shops by all accounts they got it, even discounting that euphoric element that enters into any conversation with a retailer about invidual levels of sales performance.

The first burst of the January sales are also proving better than many had expected. But acad, probably for the whole of this year, there are chilly waters in which nobody would be surprised to see some competitors sink.

The year-long sale seen in 1980 are likely to continue in the high streets for some months yet: In household goods and clothing both department stores and other retailers see cost inflation pushing up prices at the counter only marginally.

Argos, BAT's discount cata-logue showroom chain, will be raising prices by only 1.25 per cent in next month's spring and summer catalogue against the prices quoted in the latest edition published last August (Prices in the August catalogue were 9 per cent higher than those which appeared in the February edition.) Mr David Rammage, sales

controller for Debenham's 70 department stores, sees no significent sign of cost increases nushing un the prices of household and personal goods. That is fust as well, for retailers have little or no room for manoeuvre within their own

have slimmed down their margins to what Mr Rammage claims to be "not much higher than the supermarkets".

Even the department stores

Debenham's dash for growth by way of a low price policy

must have squeezed its margins.

but it hes paid off in sales

volume. The near five-week

run-up to Christmas saw aver-

Derek Harris

age sales increase by 28 per takings up 55 per cent on an annual comparison and the first seven days are up about 40 per cent overall. With business this week still

ahead of target Mr Rammage is now discounting the widespread anxiety about the risk of a dramatic fall-off in trade following the Christmas-new year holidays.

Argos's sales in the two weeks before Christmas were up 25 per cent on the year beforeor nearly 16 per cent up after taking account of inflation. The first day of the post-Christmas sale saw trade trebled.

Sales figures regularly issued by the John Lewis Partnership put non-food sales in a more precise perspective. In the 22 weeks to December 27 department store sales were up 9.4 per cent on the same period tast year, falling below the group's average 12.5 per cent estimate, but indicating a volume increase of about 2.5 per cent. Post-Christmas clearance vales were reported to be unexcost pectedly good, with opening day rices at the Oxford Street London store showing a 25 per cent rise on the year before.

More expensive household goods, from furniture and car-pets to electrical goods—including television and radio-also seem to be on the move again. At John Lewis, sales of all electrical goods showed a 29 per cent rise in the 22-week period and at Debenham the new year business has been spread around all departments, including the higher priced household

There is a strong suggestion of which the increase in personal savings is an aspect—that consumers are increasingly scrutinizing every aspect of their spending. This has led to Sainsbury, which is riding high among the multiples with a mar-ket share that has gone from 11.5 per cent to 12.8 per cent in a year, taking a cautious view, especially of the next few trading months.

Sainsbury, heavily reliant on food sales, claims to have broken all records and exceeded its forecasts in the Christmas selling period, with sales of beer, wines and spirits up 20 per cent in volume. Mr Peter Davis, assistant managing director for buying and marketing, added: "So far there is no sign of any falling off in customer demand but we must take account of the possibility".

He gave warning that some sales could start tailing off soon, given the lower levels of wage scattlements now coming through. Critical for food sales, usually resilient in a recession, are factors like mortgage interest rates and the cost of items like travelling, electricity, gas

and rates.

The Sainsbury view on margins is that they are not easy. "We have no complaints, but it would be true to say that it is for us a harder fight

for profits than for sales", said Mr Davis. The Retail Consortium—the trade association which represents most retail interests in the

country—has pointed out that pre-tax margins of the 10 largest retailers on the larest available six monthly figures were down 21 per cent, with company liquidations expected to be up 23 per cent last year on the previous year. It seems likely that this trend will worsen, at least in the first half of this year, despite the cushion pro-vided by the last few weeks.

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office which has been specially set aside for him and spent the

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His salary, £21,500 of which is being provided by the Con-servative Centre for Policy Studies, has earned him rumand some to icalous Civil Servants. But hey would have approved of etar . he one, quite proper message in Poliarane had for Fleet Street on urival, and will, I am sure, oon win his way into their xCM1FU

Professor Walters, who has eco lured from his position as rofessor of Economics at the ohns - Hopkins University, altimore, announced: "I don't now the exact details of my ew job, but it will certainly a challenge. I shall do as

Downing Street disclosed at the 54-year-old professor, lently and prepare papers for Pr as requested -

Professor Alan Walters, Margaret Thatcher's new economic Svengali, began his 450,000 a year job at Downing Street yesterday with an impeccable display of Civil Service sang froid and devotion to duty.

Landing reporters' questions

tion, although in their case it is legal confusion rather than former IBA chairperson Lady Plowden who is to blame. It all began with the new foreign exchange law, which took many companies off the restricted list, under which overseus participation was not

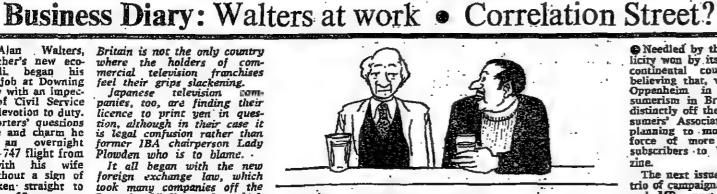
allowed above 15 per cent. Among the heneficiaries are Japans many commercial television companies, to whom listing upon the Tokyo Stock Exchange is increasingly attrac-

So far, so good, except for the existence of enother, contradictory, law—the Wireless Telegraphy Act. This empowers the Japanese Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications to cancel the licence of a broad-casting company should more than one fifth of the equity be acquired by non-Japanese. In theory, all would still be

well, were broadcasters to use another section of this Act to change the articles of associotion in order to limit overseas So far, not so good. On top

of these two contradictory laws, the Foreign Exchange and the Wireless Telegraphy. Acts, there is a third forcethe Tokyo Stock Exchange, A company that interferes with the transferability of its stock runs counter to the tenets of the Tokyo Stock Exchange and the penalty for this is de-

At hest, the stock exchange, the ministry and the television



"This fellow Alan Walters, Mrs T's new economic and

monetary adviser, is to pull down a cool £50,000 a year. There must be something-I-haven't fully appreciated in monetarism."

be an even greater all round loss of face. Two of Japan's biggest broadcasting companies, NTV

to foreign investors. So far, none of the three As Minister of State for In agricultural prices and they parties to this legislative smarl-dustry, Butler only two months hope to put a hard push to a dustry, Butler only two months hope to put a hard push to a private member's Bill to allow up has been keen to make the first move in adjusting its set. Nonetheless, Tokyo's money iry for information technology-men are beginning to mutter Now he is handing over this that it is about time Zenko Sucuki's, new government sorted the matter out. The un-

certainty is holding back new

broadcasting issues. Japanese merchant bank not representations about the connormally given to contentious public statements, is chready saving in its current newsthe not too distant future."

companies are heading for a 6 Information moves so quickly great lining of lawyers in these technological days that pockets. At worst, there could add Porton Design of the could add the could add the could be considered to the could be consid Adam Butler must have been as surprised as anybody, particularly in the telecommunicabroadcasting companies, NTV tions industry, when he re-and TBS, are already quoted, ceived the call to become Both have been very attractive Minister of State for Northern Ireland.

> portfolio, barely mastered, to sometime Heathite Kenneth Baker, chairman of the Tory backbench industry group.
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> The telecommunications in

Nomura Securities, a leading dustry is now worrying that troversial Telecommunications Bill that would have gone through Butler on their way up letter: "Someone had better to the Minister, Sir Keith come up with a bright idea in Joseph, will be held up while the not too distant future." Baker reads his way in.

not imports which causes unemployment and that retalia-tion may leave British industry the net loser. They will oppose the farm lobbies pressure for higher shopkeepers to open when they

Out of place: again I am indebted to reader J. A. Featherstone of Welwyn Garden City for intelligence from Tai-While in the port of Kanshiung he came across a clinic with a sign outside adver-tising treatment for "sexual importance":

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Ross Davies

Stock markets

Wall Street rally fails to inspire equities

Even the money supply figures, which showed a rise of only 0.2 per cent last month, and the bank lending figures provided little impetus as persistent nervous selling continued. The Wholesale Price Index was apparently discoun-

Dealers reported plenty of stock on offer as hopes of a post-Christmas rally continued to fade and the end of the account drew closer. Electricals were a weak sector, particularly among companies with defence contracts, after the Cabinet shuffle, The consensus in the market was that the new defence chief, Mr John Nott, would do his utmost to reduce would do his utmost to reduce defence spending, which could only mean bad news for defence oriented groups.

Oils were another dull sector as further large amounts of stock came on offer with not a buver to be seen.

Gilts started on a firm note, however, taking some comfort from the previous evenings news of lower interest rates the United Stares. But with the new tap starting dealings to-morrow, and the prospect of several cash calls next week buyers remarked thin.

Despite rises of up to £} at

one point, longs drifted in the of the money supply so that by the close gains had been restricted to between £1 and £1. News after hours of a further cut in prime rates to 191 per

Briefly

titled shareholders.

Tarmac: Subsidiary, Tarmac Roadstone Holdings, has completed purchase from Francis Parker of Francis Agreeates. Price is fim. Tarmac have cleo discharged term and other loans due from aggregates to its bankers amount-

Hartley Industrial Trust : Turnover

for six months to September 30, 5226,500 (5350,000) for nine months to December 31, 1979. Pretax profit £21,000 (£27,000). Eps

before extraordinary items 0.58p (0.75p).

Manganese Eronze Holdings: Elections to receive new shares in lieu of each in respect of the final

ing to about £4.5m.

The stock market failed to draw any encouragement yesterday from the overnight raily on Wall Street, which came after further falls in the prime rate, and share prices drifted lower.

Even the money supply fig. sation for the Chinese Communist revolution of 1949 saw a flurry of activity in Chinese

China 5 per cent 13 leapt £10. profits.
to £19 with similar rises in But of
China 5 per cent 12 at £20 and investme

China 4 per cent Engineering at £24. Another good gain was seen in China 5 per cent Boxer, up £8 at £17.

Leading industrials had a worrying session overshadowed by Fisons, down 18p at 175p, after announcing restructuring plans resulting in the loss of over 1.000 jobs. ICI fell 4p to 318p, Beecham 1p to 175p, Glaxo

6p to 266p, Unilever 3p to 453p, Courtaulds 1p to 54p, Dunlop 2p to 68p and BAT 2p to 241p. On the results front disap-pointing performances left Brown & Tawse 1p off at 100p, British Cinematograph down 5p, at 58p and Howden 16p lower at 120p. Meanwhile, Halma In-vestments shed 7p to 83p after vestments shed 7p to 83p after

second-haif

But on a brighter note, the But on a brighter note, the investment policy change and subdivision of shares pushed Winterbottom Trust 40p higher to 330p while Portals rose 5p to 383p on the back of a £9.75m loan stock rights issue. Figures from AG Bare after hours were well received and the shares added 3p to 128p.

Shares of America appeared Shares of Amatil appeared

warning on

nervous ahead of today's figures, losing 3p to 108p. Similarly, McCorquodale slipped 1p to 95p and ERF 1p to 49p. Reporting later this month; Allied Colloids fell 7p to 102p and English China Clays 21p to 86 p. Tate & Lyle closed 4p dearer at 132p.

The appointment of Mr John Nort as Defence Secretary caused a setback among companies with defence contracts. GEC plunged 12p to 603p along

with Racal 3p to 323p, Plessey 3p to 266p, AB Electronic 10p to 115p, Ferranti 10p to 450p, Westland 2p to 143p and Hawker Siddeley 6p to 246p. Elsewhere in electricals Thorn EMI eased 11p to 307p ahead of figures due out 500p. of figures due out soon.
Shares of Record Ridgway
slipped 9p to 38p upon the

Shares of that old bid favourite Snares of that old the favorable Owen Owen rose 8p to 116p vesterday as a large buyer mopped up 25,000 shares in a thin and sensitive market. This again set tongues warrer, into again set tongues warging about the possibility of an imminent bid. But with the shares tightly held by the family concern, close observers believe a bid remains out of the overtion. the question.

announcement that the talks with an anonymous admirer that might have led to a counterbid had broken down.
Renwick was another weak market, 11p cheaper at 73p, as the bid from AAH, 2p lower at 178p, lapsed. Rumours of a breakdown in talks between Westminster Property and a possible suitor left the former a shade easier at 35p. But Davy Corp bardened 2p to 170p with

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changing hands as terms from Enserch Corp begin to look more attractive A broker's circular had Bunzl

A broker's circular had Bunzl Pulp & Paper of stronger at 116p and speculative attention lifted Saatchi & Saatchi 9p to 250p, but fading bid hopes left Wm Collins 8p lighter at 133p.

The recent warning of a cut in the final dividend had Grattan Warehouses 4p lower at 56p in stores, while in foods the bumper Christmas had Cullents 'A' up 8p at 156p; Hillards 5p higher at 191p and Wm Morrison up 3p at 188p. J. Sainshury was unchanged at 388p and Avana Group tumbled 8p to 238p. 8p to 238p.
With lots of pre-Christmas

stock remaining on offer oils continued to drift amid persiscontinued to drift amin persis-tent small selling. Among the majors BP fell, 4p to 408p. Shell 4p to 454p, Ultramar 9p to 515p; Lasmo 10p to 717p and Tricestrol 6p to 33Zp. Equity turnever on January 5 was £70.036m (13,646 bar-gains). The most active stocks, according to the Exchange

gains). The most active stocks, according to the Exchange Telegraph, were GEC, Shell, RTZ, Plessey, Glaxo, Grattan Warehouses, Hanson Trust, ICL, Imperial Group, Barclays Bank, Midland, Bank, Ultramar, Imperial Continental Gas, Allied Frenchics and Chartechall Breweries and Charterhall, Traded options had a better

day with 1343 contracts.
Lonrho, Grand Metropolitan,
Racal, BP and Shell where the
most active, with most other
classes also seeing some trade.
The discord actions Traditional options were quiet again, with calls arranged in Floyd Oil at 18p, Premier at 11p and Westminster Properties at 41p. There were no puts

Brown & Tawse slumps as destocking continues

Brown & Tawse, the steel stockholding and engineering group, said that destocking in the industry was continuing after last year's steel strike as it reported a film decline in pretax profits at the interim

Stage.
With turnover slipping from 528.5m to 526.5m, pretax profits went from 52.1m to flm in the six months to September 30. charges increased from £375,000 to slightly from £375,000 to £385,000 during the period, although the group expects that by April, 1982 it will not be paying any interest at all as the cash position improves constantly with continuing

will have interest charges at a similar level to last year's £800,000. Reserves will improve by £6m this year with the removal of the possibility of clawback of previous years tax relief on stock increases under the Government's proposals for

tax changes in stock relief. This improvement, coupled with the strong cash balance, has prompted the maintainence of the interim dividend at 2p. Mr Douglas Rae, the chairman, says that demand for steel and tube products has been very weak throughout the first balf, and as the recession has deepened, there has been a further decline. Plant sales lestocking.

and hire have also suffered a

By the end of the current decrease in profits from a lack

from Europe have benefited from the strength of sterling as the German mark and the French franc have depreciated by 20 per cent against the pound in the last 12 months Mr Rae added that although the next three months would continue to be tough for the group, it was hoping for a stee price increase in April—th price increase in April—th first for 18 months and at th moment steel prices in Europ appeat to be hardening. Brown & Tawse is als

making plans for furthe acquisitions. Last August i acquired a stainless see cutting company in Rotherhar of which it was a creditor.

Bass Charrington sells Bordeaux wine interests

French wine interests, Alexis aim to keep profit standards," he added, merchants, after two standards and added,

Britain's largest brewer sold the concern to two private buyers, M Bernard Gans, president of the French Brewers Association, and the president of the Bordeaux Chateau Wine Producers Association.

The Lichine company, which had been acquired from Alexis Lichine in 1965, only just broke even is the past few years. The sale leaves Bass' French trading, said Mr Leslie Too- interests with two other vine-

Last year, Lichine, which owns two vineyards and employs 130 people, recorded sales of 58.3m. Exports, with the United States as the largest customer, account for 75 per cent of sales of the high quality chateaux wines. Its ten-year import contract with a member of the United States Northon Simon group will be transferred

to the new owners. The sale leaves Bass' French

turing & Trading has not prompted any new advances

Caparo, the private invest-

ment company which holds the

largest stake of 19.5 per cent in CMT, has still not decided

whether to mount a rival bid

for the engineering group.
Caparo hopes to have further information on CMT's current trading figures by the end of

the week before taking any decisions. Hanson's offer of

49p a share was accepted by 202,000 shareholders out of the

total 26m and it has extended the date until January 26.

Although turnover of British Cinematograph Theatres rose

from £1.77m to £1.9m in the six months to July 31, pretax profits fell from £50,000 to £13,000. No rental or develop-

ment costs in respect of a com-

puter installed in March are

included, these will be dealt within the full year.
There has been continued

Fall at British

Cinematograph

Optimism as Halma improves By Our Financial Staff

Halma, the safety system an specialist engineering group, he remained relatively recession proof, reporting 12 per ceimprovement in profits at the

half-way stage.
Turnover increased by 31 pecent to £7.1m and pretax pr fits rose from £607,000 £678,000 in the 26 weeks
September 27.
Direct exports from the Direct exports from the United Kingdom came to £1.11 an increase of 56 per cent. Tv



Mr David Barber, chairman

operations, the shoe machine and acoustic sliencers, whi are used in offices, were p. ticularly resilient, said I David Barber, the chairman, "Whilst ir appears unlike that the profit during t second balf will equal t record levels achieved in t comparable period last year am confident that the group w continue to produce results b ter than the average achieved by United Kingdom industri

Ladbroke sells

Mr Barber said.

casino for £4.5m The last of the five Ladbro casinos in Birmingham was y terday sold to the Glasgo based Reo Stakis Organizati for £4.5m. The deal we through after the Birmingha City Licensing Committed agreed to renew the licens and its transfer to Parmore, subsidiary of Stakis.

Three local casino operate who had been granted leave object to the application we ordered to pay £2,800 less costs by the licensing comm

Bank Base

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Barclays 14%

Consolidated Crdts 14%

C. Hoare & Co .. *14%

Lloyds Bank 14%

Midland Bank 14%

Nat Westminster .. 14%

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TSB 14%

Williams and Glyn's 14%

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Wholesale Prices

Indices (1875=100) of wholesale prices of manufacturing goods and the basic materials and tuels purchased by manufacturing industry, published by the Dopartment of Industry vesterday

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BANK FIGURES Figures for eligible liabilities and reserve asset ratios of United Kingdom banks released by the Bank of England yesterday. Eiglible Rose over Reserve hisbilities 3 months at assoi coom annual rate ratio

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192	92 ł	Bardon Hill	189	_	9.7	5.1	7.1
87	48	County Cars Pref	48	-2	7.6	15.8	_
98	88	Deborah Ord	96	_	5.5	5.7	4.8
126	88	Frank Horsell	120	_	7.9	6.6	3.8
110	60	Frederick Parker	60.	_	11.0	18.3	2.7
110	74	George Blair	76	_	3.1	4.0	_
109	59	Jackson Group	109	_	6.9	6.3	4.1
124	103	James Burrough	122	_	7.9	6.5	10.0
327	244	Robert Jenkins	327	+2	31.3	9.6	_
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102	81	Walter Alexander	102	_	5.7	5.5	
255	181	W. S. Yeates	253	_	12.1	4.8	4.1

Winterbottom Trust to specialize in energy

Singlo Group: As a result of conversion of preference shares, Caparo Group now holds 5.31m shares (24.3 per cent). Mr D. M. Slocock, director, has acquired f23,000 15 per cent convertible loan stock 1984 and 50,000 ordinary. Mr D. J. K. Wadham, a director, has acquired £2,000 15 per cent convertible loan stock 1984. By Margaret Stone

Bremar Trust: Of the 2.4m share rights issue, 2.33m (97.13 per cent) shares have been taken up by shareholders. Remaining 69,000 shares have been sold at a premium for the benefit of entitled shareholders. the trust's metamorphosis has already begun. In November 1979, 25 per cent of the fund's Sterling Credit Group: On Dec-ember 31, Dewey Warren and Co. a subsidiary of Sterling, disposed of the whole of its interest in Dowey Warren underwriting agencies to R. A. F. Macmillan and Co., and its associates for £15,000 cash. This disposal showed a surplus over the book value of the investment of £3,825. assets were in energy issues; a year later this had increased to 41 per cent, and by the end of 1980 half the portfolio was in some extent this is already reflected in the trust's performance, up 62 per cent in net
asset value in the last two hope, to benefit from a special
years. the investment of £3,825.
Edbro (Holdings): Noble Grossart has acquired the holding of.
948,000 shares from the executors of the late Mr S. H. Gardiner (11,42 per cent). The shares will be registered in name of Eank of Scotland Central Nominees.

val is not technically essential posing a 1-for-4 scrip issue at for the change of direction, the the annual meeting in April.

reatter is being put to share-Shareholders in the £21.6m holders not least because of the Winterbottom Trust will be substantial dividend reduction asked early next month to agree to proposals to transform the financial year the fund's distribution investment trust combution, was 14.3p gross, per bution, was 14.3p gross, per bution in the first bution in th orthodox investment trust com- bution was 14.3p gross, per pany into a specialist fund con- share; next year this is likely

pany into a specialist tund concentrating on oil and energy to drop to around 4.3p gross.

shares, it is to be renamed the
Minterbottom Energy Trust.

Managed by Baillie, Gifford, likely reduction in dividend was "a justifiable price to pay in view of the prospective total return." At the moment, Winterbottom's shares stand at a discount of some 25 per cent compared with the 4 to 5 per cent discount enjoyed by the other specialist energy invists. the energy sector — particu- other specialist energy invest-larly United States shares. To ment truss.

ears. ized investment policy. In addi-Although shareholder appro- tion the managers will be pro-

Dutch-German steel group forecasts further losses

The depressed market for crude steel and steel products will mean further losses for Estel this year, Mr Jan Hoog-landt, director of the Dutch-

steel sector and declining demand have forced Estel to concentrate on developing a few core" activities and to channel energy into improving the group's liquidity.

lieu of tash in respect of the final dividend for year to July 31, have been received from 904 out of a total of 2.273 shareholders, holding 6.81m out of a total of 10.62m shares. Accordingly, 591,000 new ordinary shares have been allotted to shareholders. Thus 64.13 per cent of the dividend will be paid in the form of new shares. Pentos has sold its subsidiary F. F. Allsopp to a consortium of investors which includes the two present executive directors of FFA. Messrs J. Loach and S. Wardle. Consideration for sale is Estel has not yet published results for the whole of 1980, but it earlier announced first nine months' pretax losses of Fl267.4m (about £53m), of which Fl152.4m were in the third quarter with no improve-ment expected in the final vestors which includes the two present executive directors of FFA, Messrs J. Loach and S. Wardle. Consideration for sale is net asset value of FFA shown by its balance sheet as at December quarter. It made a 1979 net loss of F1173.7th.

Naarden cautious

measures to control expenditure and cut capacity, it is already clear that financial results of group for first half of 1980-81 will show a reduction and it would seem unlikely that demand will recover sufficiently in time for position to be restored by year-end." Mr Angus Murray, chairman says. company, said that its net of I, profit for 1980 would be higher than the F12.7m (£540,000) from earned in 1979 but said that year. 1981 could be a difficult year. Mr J. P. Guepin, the chair-man, said that Naarden was better prepared to face inter-

German steel group, said.
Overcapacity in the European national trading difficulties after the recent restructuring

Hongkong issue

Hongkong's Mass Transit Railway Corp (MTR) is issuing HK50m (f4.2m) of 87-day com-mercial paper, Barclays Asia, the lead manager, said. Barclays declined to give the

Dreher lower

Naarden International, the company controlled by Heine Dutch chemicals and fragrances ken, recorded a net profi

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coupon rate of the notes, but said they are now the railway's only outstanding short-term

Dreher, the Italian beer ken, recorded a net profit of 1,300m lire (£59.000), in the year to September 30, down from 2,200m lire the previous Dreher emphasized that the

profit was achieved after put-ting the maximum allowed amount to depreciation funds.

Renwick to meet holders of big stake

Pinancial advisers to the Renwick Group are expected to

meet later this week with the men behind Hongkong-based Kangra International Holdings. whose buying of a sizable stake in the fuel distribution and travel agents group has attracted the attention of the Takeover Panel.

The offer of the meeting was The offer of the meeting was confirmed yesterday by Kangra's London-based stock-brokers, A. J. Bekhor, as the AAH group announced it was dropping its £7.3m takeover bid for Renwick launched last October, and accepted by holders of 21.12 per cent of the Renwick stock.

Mr William Pybus, chairman of AAH, said the board was letting the bid lapse because of the low level of acceptances and the substantial holdings which had been built up at signifi-cautly higher levels than its own 65p a share offer.

Kangra, an off-the-shelf private company formed last April which changed to its tripled interest charge market raid on December 23, mopping up just under 15 per cent of Renwick for £1.1m. On Monday, as AAH counting acceptances for oid, Kangra announced it had bought a further 350,000 Ren-

wick shares at 85p.

Mr. Pybus said: "That purchase finally convinced us that we should pull out. We are disappointed. It was an agreed hid and both companies." bid and both companies were enthusiastic about it."

AAH and Reswick still have substantial trading agreements.
AAH yesterday sold 250,000
Renwick shares, believed to
have gone to a jobber who sold
short on Kangra buying, but it is retaining a strategic stake of just over 10 per cent. Mr Pybus added: "It could give us a useful bargaining position."

Renwick shares dropped 11p to 73p last night. Mr Kenneth Holmes, chairman of Renwick, said: "I am disappointed that AAH has pulled out. There was industrial logic in the move for both companies. But our next priority must be to find out who owns these large slices of our shares."

No counter-bidder for Record half to September 30 against a

Shares of Record Ridgway tumbled sharply from their year's peak yesterday as the Sheffield tool maker announced that the unnamed rival bidder expected to reveal itself by now,

The price dropped 90 to 39p, although it remains 2p higher. than the takeover offer announced three weeks aga by the Swedish group Bahco. First closing date for the £4m bid is

next Wednesday: Record's chief executive Mr Mark Alexander said last week that he was expecting the counter-bid to become formal by either yesterday evening or this morning. · He said last night: "I am as

surprised that they have pulled out as I was that they approached me." Mr Alexander was told by the bidders, who still wish to remain anonymous, on Monday evening that they were not proceeding.

. However the stock market appears to be convinced that a orther rival is waiting in the wings. The price is still pre-cluding Bahco—unless they want to increase their offer-from buying shares in the

Wrighton loss after.

Borrowings, which were £1.5m ner at the year end, rose with the group's relocation to Nazeing from Walthamstow. The move will be completed next month and benefits should show in 1981-82. Meanwhile, sales were little changed at

£60,000 profit; but had a £134,000 tax credit. Interest

costs tripled to £134,000.

Ransome Hoffman faces hard time Ransome Hoffman Pollard's

chairman has warned shareholders in his annual statement that 1980-81 results will suffer significantly from the present bleak economic climate, notably in the first part, to end-Murch. Profits from the United Kingdom, the group's biggest market, will fall steeply unless

orders improve. But the elec-

trical interests are expected to

keep up their contribution. In 1979-80 the group made £11m No move by Caparo

Yesterday's news that only a

gins and higher expenses resul-ted in a substantial fall in the trading profit of Dollands Photographic. The group is in

pressure on gross profit mar-

in CMT bid F. Wrighton & Sons, made a handful of acceptances were the board "would hope to £180,000 pretax loss in its first received for Hanson Trust's maintain" the dividend.

A G Barr ahead for year despite poor summer

By Margareta Pagano
The Scottish soft drinks
manufacturer A. G. Barr has
recorded a marginal increase continuing recession, but one beloful factor was that con-tainer prices were being held in pretax profits despite the With the second half of the profits for the year to October were £2.56m against £2.52m, on turnover which rose 16 per cent to £28.8m. A final year traditionally giving higher sales and profits, the poor weather last summer meant a

downturn in expected sales. The group, which produces "Tizer" and "Irn Bru" brands, however, has maintained its market share despite dividend of 5.14p gross is recommended, making a total for the year of 6.3p gross compared with 6.07p last year.

Profits include an interest credit of £356,000, against £155,000, and an extraordinary credit of £187,000. The shares gained 3p to 1280 on the news.
Mr Robin Barr, the chairman, said expanding turnover

and satisfactory margins were budgeted for plant equi-difficult to achieve with the and modernization work.

Sir John Cuckney has been appointed chairman of Brooke Bond Liebig and Mr Peter Sawdy is the new deputy chairman in addition to his existing appointment as chief executive. Sir Humphrey Prideaux, former chairman and chief executive of Target Life Assurance Company, has also been appointed chairman and chief executive of Target Life Assurance Company, has also been appointed chairman and chief executive of Target Life Assurance Company, has also been appointed chairman and chief executive of Target Life Assurance Company, has also been appointed chairman and chief executive of Target Life Assurance Company, has also been appointed chairman and chief executive of Target Life Assurance Company, has also been appointed by the actuary to hamber life, intends leaving the Company when his service agreement comes to an end on June 30, 1981. His place will be taken by the deputy actuary, Mr Phis Smith, who has been appointed a director of Frocter a Gamble.

Mr R. G. Stope has become departmental director of Wilson (Cosmoly) Holding Long and Mr P. J. Rand is now assistant director.

Mr I. C. Elack has been appointed a director of Wilson (Cosmoly) Holding Long and Sans.

Mr D. A. Nice has been appointed by Dalgety are Mr D. Henderson and Mr R. B. Vaughan.

Mr D. A. Nice has been appointed a director of Allebone and Sans.

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the decline in demand seen in particular parts of the country. Since the group's products are a "cheap luxury" it is happy that it has been able to

maintain sales at a time of unemployment and short-time working, Mr Barr says.
In the last year £3m was budgeted for plant equipment

Turbus processing programme and a constraint of a New Life **Business**

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measures to control expenditure

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Yorkshire-General, the life com-zary of General Accident, report their highest-ever reversionary bonus rates on United Kingdom with-profit contracts at December 31, 1980. The principle rates in the current series of policies are: are:
Life policies, £5.50 per cent simple (previously £5.60 per cent).
Self-employed pension plans and single premium group schemes, £3.00 per cent compound (£6.80 per cent).

per cent). English Insurance : English Insurance Co wrote record new business in 1980 under which the net premium income reached £9,4m (£7.3m), in addition to single premiums and immediate annuity considerations of £8.6m (£7.15m). The benefits secured were net sums assured of £1,096m (£827m); widows' death-in-service annuities pa. £19.25m (£1.35m); net deferred annuities pa. £16.15m (£1.36m). Refuge Assurance: Ordinary branch: Annual premiums, £4.13m (£3.86m). Single premiums, £4.13m (£3.86m). Single premiums, £4.13m (£3.86m). Single premiums, £4.13m (£10.956m). Annuities par annum, £1.46m (£10.956m). Annuities par annum, £1.46m (£10.956m). Gross of life assurance premium relief. Pearl Assurance: Total new annual premiums under life assurance policies and annuities in the industrial and ordinary branches Combined, £43.9m (1979, £40.4m). In addition, single premiums and annuity considerations of £11.9m and Co wrote record new busi-ness in 1980 under which the net

were received (1979, £20.4m). These new premiums provide for total new sums assured of £880m (1979, £842m) and annuties per annum of £25.9m (1979, £21.2m). In the ordinary branch the new annual premiums amount to £16.0m (1979, £16.0m) and new sums assured to £531m (1979, £534m) In the industrial branch the new annual premiums amount to £27.9m (1979, £24.4m) and the new sums assured to £349m (1979, £304m).

Norwich Union: Norwich Union Life made further progress in 1980 with world-wide sales of life insurance at the record levels of 1980 with world-wide sales of life insurance at the record levels of £64m new annual premiums (1979—£63m) and £59m single premiums (1979—£63m) and £59m single premiums (1979—£38m). In the United Kingdom where nearly 80 per cent of the Norwich Union's life business originates, the vast majority being introduced through brokers and other professional intermediaries, new annual premiums exceeded £50m, but were slightly down on last year. Single preniums increased to £53m (1979—£31m), the big intrease coming from annuities, where Norwich Union have continued preferential terms to their own policy-holders on top of very competitive rates. Sixty per cent of the business is now pensions. Royal Insurance: In 1980 net new annual premiums increased by 4 per cent to £25.9m (1979 £25.0m). Net new single premiums increased by 7 per cent to £21.9m (1979 £20.5m). In the United Kingdom, a reduction in business associated with house purchase was (1979 £20.5m). In the United Kingdom, a reduction in business associated with house purchase was offset by a substantial increase in the sale of other with profit endowment and whole life policies. Despite the recession, there was an increase in pension scheme business but sales of individual pension arrangements was below the high level achieved last year. There was a small increase in self-employed pensions business.

Business appointments

Deputy chairman for Bowthorpe Holdings

Mir Meryn Grubb has joined the board of Bowthorpe Holdings full-time executive deputy chairman.

Mr J. E. Barber has been made director and general manager of the military products division of Fairey Engineering.

Mr William Bruce is now group deputy chairman of Earcatt Developments. In addition, two new directors joining the main board are Mr Kenneth A. Janes and Mr Dale Stmard. Mr Janes has also been made chairman of Barratt Developments (Midlands). Mr Terry Van Ree, a main board director, becomes chairman of Barratt Developments (Midlands). Mr Terry Van Ree, a main board director, becomes thairman of Barratt Developments (Northern England) and Mr Michael Norton is now deputy chairman. Mr Geoffrey Smith has been made managing director of Barratt Developments (Bristol).

Eight joining the board of John Laing Construction are: Mr H. K. Barnett, Mr J. D. Bottom, Mr T. W. Fleming. Mr P. E. K. Horrell, Mr P. Johnson, Mr J. F. Meddims, Mr J. R. Walton and Mr G. O. Whitehead.

Mr R. S. Fulford is the new group chief executive of United Gas Industries. He succeeds Mr N. P. White, who will remain on the board as deputy chairman with responsibility for the group's overseas operations until his retirement later this year.

Mr John Hucle has been made financial director of Eurotherm International.

Mr A. E. Hepper has become a Richard.

ance Company.

Mr A. E. Hepper has become a non-executive director of Richardsons, Westgarth & Company.

Mr R. B. Arthurton has been made an executive director of Willis Faber & Domas (UR). Mr D. M. Sandy Saunders has been appointed a non-executive director of RCF Holdings. director of RCF Holdings.

Sir Philip Southwell has relinquished the presidency of Brown and Root (UK) and the chairmanship of Brown and Root-Wimpey Highland Fabricators.

Mr R. H. Lamb has become chairman of Fairey Holdings in succession to Mr Augus Marray who remains on the board as deputy chairman.

Mr Alan C. Bentleton has be

Mr Alan G. Pendleton has be-Mr Alan G. Pendleton has become joint managing director of West Group International. Dr Geoffrey H. Davenport has been appointed chief executive of the new industrial division and managing director of West's Industrial Holding, the new sub-holding company. Mr David A. Northam succeeds Dr Davenport as managing director of DSF Retractories. Other new appointments within this division include Mr John Catterall as managing director and Mr Frederick J. Williamson as financial director and secretary of Tully Engineering Co. as financial director and secretary of Tully Engineering Co.
Mr Brian G. Ward has been
appointed managing director and
Mr Don Fagan a director of
WGI Security Systems. Mr
Malcolm O. Dorrington has been
made a director of Intrusion Prepakt (UK).
Sir Montague Prichard has
become deputy chairman of Tozer
Kemsley and Milibourn (Boldings)
and Mr Malcolm Horsman its
managing director.

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Mr R. W. Parsons and Mr L. A.

W. Evans have been made directors of Grindlays Bank.

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Wall Street

New York, Jan 6.—Prices on the New York Stock Exchange closed higher with the index rising 0.06 to 79.14 and the average price per state three cents. The Dow Jones industrial average immoed 12.03 points to 1.004.59, its best level since September 27, 1976 when it closed at 1.013.13. Advances led declines 1.045 to 543 as volume swelled to 57,400,000 shares from 58,700,000 yesterday.

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Commodities

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14.50. Sales, 50 tons. Morning.
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Lamburgh Sales, 19.850 tons.
Lamburgh Sales, 19.8 totalled 51,047. London to broken reported.
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Brighter African CTCs were firm to dearer, with dusts, strong, Medimo onehed firm, but tender lower on the clase Plain Central African eathed 4p to 8p a kilo.
There was good demand for Ceylon at very firm rates and South Indian also sold well with prices tonding higher.

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NICKEL to quict.—Afternoon.—
Cash £2.695-2.700 per tonne: three
nonits. £2.680-90. Sales. 13 tonnes.
Horning.—Cash. £2.670-80: three
months. £2.670-80. Settlement. £2.680.
Sales £2 tonnes. coffee forecasts months, 22,670-80. Settlement, \$2,680. Sales, 72,1900.5.
RUBBER closed steady (ponce per blot — Feb. 50-56,70; March, 79,00-59,00; April, June, 61,30-61,70; duly. Sept., 64,60-64,70; Oct. Dec. 67,80-67,90; Jan. March, 70,90-71,10; April, June, 74,00-74,10; June, Sept., 70,0-77,20; Oct. Dec. 80,30-80,30; Sales four at five tonnes and 331 at 15, 100,70. World coffee production and exports in the 1980-81 season will be virtually the same as last year, the United States De-77 00-77.20; Oct. Dec. 80.10.80.30. Seles four 81 five tonnes and 331 at 15 tonnes.
Folia four 81 five tonnes and 331 at 15 tonnes.
FUBBER PHYSICALS Were steader.—
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John 1.072-21; March 1.057-40; March 1.063-40; March 1.065-40; Sept. 1.06341, New 1.060-775: Jan. 1.070-85.
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135 00-43.00. April, 1.53.00-46.00;
Junn 140.00-53.00; Aug. 138.0058.00; Cet. 138.00-63.00; Dec. 138.0065.00; Feb. 138.00-63.00; Dec. 138.0065.00; Feb. 138.00-63.00; Dec. 138.0065.00; Feb. 138.00-64.00; Sales: nil.
COCOA was risady (5 per metric ton).—
March 882-83; May. 907-08; July.
128-30; Sept. 937-48; Dec. 972-75;
1/10rd, no5-96; May. 1.010-20. Sales:
1.000 Jois. partment of Agriculture fore-casts. It says production could be 80.2m bags, compared with an estimated 80.4m in 1979-80 and exports may be 60.2m bags, Brazil, the world's biggest producer, could raise output from 21.5m bags at present to between 27m and 29m bags, But total South American produc-tion is estimated at 37.7m bags, a fall of 600,000 bags from 28-50: Sept. 937-48: Dec. 972-75: Harch. 965-96: May, 1.010-20. Sales: 1.000 lois. 4.000 l 1979-80 and less than the earlier estimates for the 1980-81 season. With production at these levels, it seems likely that the International Coffee Organization will be successful in de-fending its price range of 115-155 cents. WCOL.—NZ Crossbreds, No.2 contract cont. per kilo (quiet.—Isn. 349-560; kiarch, 358-364; May, 350-366; Aug, 772-379; Oct. 374-381; Dec. 380-385; Jan. 590-385; March. 582-587; May, 530-387; Sales; Four los, GRAIN (The Balke), WHEAT, Cane-dian western red spring, unquoted, US dark northern spring, No. 2, 14 per cnt; Feb. £110.75; Nerth, £111.80 Urans-shipment cast coast sciters. US

Mergers cleared: Following proposed mergers are not to be referred to the Monopolies Commission. Brooke Bond Liebig—Mallinson Denny; Unigate—Giltspur; Guest Keen and Nettle-folds and Brambles Industries—Rediand Purie.

Indices

Money was in ample supply yesterday and the authorities siphoned-off a large sum by selling Treasury bills to the banks ing Treasury Dills to the Dames and discount houses. Rates at one stage had briefly flicked up to 134 per cent, but with a surplus soon in prospect, houses were able to make considerable progress with bids for overnight money at 124 per cent. Books were finally ruled off within bounds of 104 and 114 nee cent.

Foreign exchange report

After finerusing within fairly cate a slow-down in next week's After fluctuating within fairly wide extremes yesterday, starting eventually settled for a 140-point gain at \$2.4255, compared with \$2.4115 overnight. The pound's trade-weighted index at its final calculation was 79.0 (after 79.3 at the opening) against 78.8 at Monday's close. Initially, the pound reflected an overnight decline in the dollar on Far Eastern and Transatlantic centres, reaching \$2.4335, but it drifted lower subsequently on light profit-taking, before dropping to \$2.4185 during the afternoon following the latest bank lending startistics which incimoney supply.

Encouraging Wholesale Price Index figures for December also beloed sentiment. At the close, helped semiment. At the close, however, news of a 153 per cent prime rate by Chemical Bank of the United States brought about a fresh decline in the dollar, so sterling, in common with other key currencies, moved up again. The yen was actively traded in, opening on a firm note before ending on offer at 193-50 (198.75). There was a plenning fluctuation in the D-mark, which closed stronger at 19325 (19375),

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Effective exchange rate compared to December 21, 1971 was 75.6%, up 8.2%.

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14 3 months 144

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1 year 135

divergence limits. Adjustment calculated by The Times.

Euro-\$Deposits Gold 150 calls, 194-204; seven days, 194-197; one month, 184-1874; three months, 164-1644; mg months, 154-1544.

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The market opened on a strong note as Marine Midland Bank cut its prime sate to 20 per cent from 201 per cent. Later, Chemical Bank cut its prime to 191 per cent from 201 per cent. Among the filtre chips, active IRM, which autooutced an en-1830, which autounced an en-hanced version of its point of sile terminal, gained one to 71½. Du Punt climbed 2½ to 44½, Westing-house - to 31½, Minnesota Mining 2½ to 53½, Americao Telephone ½ to 53½, Eastman Kodak two to 75- and Procter and Gamble 2½ to 711

Oils were agin hit by profit taking. Texaco lost 7 to 47;, Exxon 1; to 80; and Mobil 1; to Some banks were stronger. Texas Commerce Rancshares gained 2; to 37k, Bankers Trust 1; to 63k and J. P. Morgan i to 43, but Chemical Bank slipped i to 44k. **Money Market**

McDonnell Douglas rose i to 48%. A Federal court said that moder Illinois law, McDonnell may not be assessed punitive damages in the crash of a DC-10 in Chicago last year.

US commodities GOLD futures gained \$1 an ounce, Spot price in late trading was \$2597.599, CHICAGO IMM.—April, \$711.50 saked; Jums, \$729.00-3500; Steel, Jums, \$729.00-3800; Seed, Jums, \$729.00-3800; Seed, Jums, \$748.80 saked; Oct. \$756.50 saked; Jums, \$778.80 saked; Jums, \$778.80 saked; Jums, \$601.00-606.00; March, \$743.80 saked; Jums, \$601.00-606.00; March, \$601.00-606.00; April, \$601.00-622.50; Jums, \$651.00; April, \$602.00-626.00; Feb, \$696.00; April, \$711.80; Jums, \$736.70; Aug, \$736.70; A

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COCOA futures orded 3 dull seasion with slight gains of \$5 to \$12 arrows the board, Mar. \$2.056; May. \$2.085; July. \$2.126; Sept. \$3,175; Dec. \$2.222; Mar \$2. 2.262.

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Shakespeare stayed in this house

Elizabethan and Jacobean roperties are fairly common on he market, but few can boast, is does Shakespeare House at rendon Underwood, Buckingjamshire, to have inspired one if the Bard's great plays, A Midnammer Night's Dream. This rillage house, 15 miles from Oxford, was an inn in Shakepeare's time and Sir Nikolaus evsuer, in his series "The uildings of England", says hat Will occasionally stayed here overnight when travelling jetween London and Stratford. The house with its two acres, now up for sale (Brown and Merry) for £112,500, has won itself references also in the Illustrated London News in 1847 when it was threatened with demolition, in the Shell's Guide to England and in Kelly's Directory, 1881.

Shakespeare House has all the usual attractive features of Elizabethan properties; fine oak timbering, a staircase said to be Jacobean in origin, inglenook fireplaces, flagged floors and lattice windows with cockspur catches and well-proportioned rooms with higher ceilings than in more cottagey houses of the period.

The accommodation, in good decorative order, includes a large drawing room where an area of wall finish has been rubbed away to reveal what is thought to be a rare example of Elizabethan painted wall decoration, five bedrooms, three bathrooms and a "Shakespeare suite" of two small rooms with exposed

Of less historic, but of equal architectural interest, is More Place, Berchworth, Surrey, a Grade II listed timber framed house, dating from the fifteenth century and enlarged in the seventeenth. On the market at £250,000 (Knight, Frank and Rutley) has among its noteworthy features a Gothic tower and carved figureheads on the stone chimney, a Tudor arched porch. and huge oak beams.

A larger property than Shakespeare House, it has three reception rooms, seven bedrooms, four bathrooms, five attic rooms and a staff flat; it stands in just over five acres and has a range of outbuildings including two cottages and stables.

Going farther up market again there is Avishays Estate, Chard, Somerset, once the home of the Every family and reputedly the scene of a narrow escape by its Royalist owner from the Parliamentary forces during the Civil War. The house was also said to be part of the escape route of the ill-fated Duke of Moomouth. after the Bartle of Sedgemoor in The mellowed-brick house is

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Gloucestershire. It dates from the acres, two bungalows and a cot- fourteenth century when it was constructed as three houses with mullioned windows. The main part is now Elizabethan.

In its eleven acres is a second house, Little Greys, also in Corswold stone and some 200-300 years old. Both properties, which were once owned by the Cadbury family, have been restored or renovated to a high standard and the whole property, being handled by Hampton and Sons, is expected to go for around

At the other end of the price scale there are several small properties, often conversions, such as the Toll House, Col-

grade II building for sale for £70,000 (James Abbott Partnership). The property is thought to be about 300 years old. It is believed to be the original toll house on the main route into town, which became the gardener's cottage to Lexden Manor around 1850. It has two reception rooms and four bedrooms. Around the same price is Little Forge, High Hurstwood, Sussex, a conversion from the original building, reputed to be over 200 years old. The property stands in two acres of garden, adjoining a mill pond with trout stream, waterfalls and bluebell wood. Braxtons, the agents in Uckfield, are asking for offers in the region of £67,500. Also on the market is a

chester. Essex. This is a listed

thatched Dorset cortage, thought to be some 350 years old and to have been lived in by the village blacksmith, Blue Haze; in the village of Grange, near Wimborne, is built of mellow old brick and retains original features such as exposed beamed ceilings and inglenook fireplaces. The corrage, in just over two acres, is being offered by Savills for £77,500.

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5.40 News: with Jan Leeming.
5.55 Nationwide. Includes the start of voting in the Nationwide Rock and Pop Awards 1980. Organized

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Systozar Gligoric, the Yugoslav Grandmaster who plays

Nigel Short of Great Britain in the first programme in The

▲ I was pontificating away, some weeks ago, on the theme of snooker's being the sport most suited to television because of the camera's ability to magnify the intimate personal dramas on and around the oblong, green stage (Pot Black, on BBC 2 last night).

would like to amend that statement so as to bracket chess with snooker. Indeed, in one respect, as you will learn if you watch The Master Game tonight (RBC 2, 6.30), television coverage of chess goes one better than the filming of snooker because the commentary incorporates the spoken thoughts of the players as the contemplates his next move.

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(Radio 3, 12.05), Radio Times grants him his Christian name,

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Show a little tolerance towards Dame Margot-Fonteyn in her unaccustomed role of programme presenter. We who have seen The Magic of Dance (BBC 2, 8.00) the first time round know that, as the weeks go by, her confidence increases, and by the time we get to the sixth and final film in the series, all doubts time we get to the sixth and final film in the series, all doubts time we get to the sixth and final film in the series, all doubts time we get to the sixth and final film in the series, all doubts time we get to the sixth and final film in the series, all doubts time as to her suitability for the job of dance historian have been publicity men used to call an all-star cast: Nureyev, Makarova, as a same Astaire, Sammy Davis Jur and Lynn Seymour.

Westward Television's contributions to the networked About the same and the same and them. One has only to think back to that film about the Gibsons, the photographic dynasty in the Scillies. Today's film The Beach (ITV, 12.30) is

dynasty in the Scillies. Today's film The Beach (ITV, 12.30) is ": a wordless study of daytrippers at West Country resorts.
Wordless, but musical, and therein lies much of the charm of
John Kinn's images of unsuspecting bolidaymakers caught with Secretarie a Shorn of his Christian name of Lamberto (in the hallowed

radition of Toscanini. Garbo and other semi-mystical figures).

Signor Gardelli is advertized as conducting the BBC Scottish SO tonight (Radio 3, 7.00 and 7.50) in Britten's enchanting Simple Symphony and the Sibelius No 2 . . . Sanderling conducts the BBC Northern SO in Strauss's symphonic poem Ein Heldenleben

SECRETARY Kurt, which puts him among the ranks of the mere mortals.

On paper, the most interesting of today's spoken-word

ciek programmes on radio are the first of Ronald'Pickup's repeated

mereadings from Wordsworth's autobiographical poem The Prelude Register of the Analysis inquiry by Mary Goldring into Secretary Register, morally and financially, is playing fair by its playing fair by its DecoAps (Radio 4, 7.45). Perhaps the title, Life Begins at 60, ought

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Director: William T. Kotcheff.

6.55 Triangle: Episode 2 of this - Regions 26 part scria! about shipping line, with Michael Craig. Kate O'Mara: BEC 1 YARIS

and of February.

TELEVISION W 5.00 John Craven's Newsround: ton McKenzie and Des Morrison; News items of particular interest also World Cup Skiing (the ladies to the young viewer. 5.05 The downhill) from Pironten, West Strange Affair of Adelaide Harris; Germany, and rightights from one

BBC 1 12.45 pm News: And weather forecast. 1.00 Pebble Mill at One : Ian Lyon examines the boliday brochures and selects some of the most in-teresting offers. Also, the start of a new series of Star Chef items. 1.45 Trumpton: the story of the bill poster (r). Closedown at 2.00, 3.20 Croesi'r Flin: Crossing borders. Programme for Weish

3.55 Play School : Frances Lindsay's story Mr Elix and Pieces Plants Some Bulbs is told by Sam Plants Some Bulbs is told by Sam Kydd. 4.20 Laurel and Hardy: cartoon. Plumber Pudding. 4.25 Jackanory: Colin Jeavans reads part 3 of William Browning's Grimm Grange. 4.40 The Record Breakers: Roy Castle and Norris McWhirter with more interesting facts, such as the location of the biggest brickworks known to man. They also talk to Shane Acton, who has completed a record-breaking voyage around the world in his 18ft yacht.

10.20 am Gharbar: Magazine programme for the Asian woman viewer. Music, moking things and

5.40 pm Laurel and I ardy : Come Clean (1931). The incomparable

pair play married men who rescue

a vamp (Mae Busch) and then have to bide her from their

spouses.

6.00 Cartoon: La Linea.

6.05 Sixteen Up: New series for young adults. What they should do when stopped by the pulice. Also, the first in a series of appearances by John Cooper Clarke, a punk port.

6.30 The Master Game: Eight of

9.30 am Show-Jumping with.

Harvey Smith : Keen contest at the country fair. Also, the role

of the blacksmith and the groom,

(r) 9.55 Top Gear : All kinds of drivers, including Graham Hill and a London bus driver. 10.40 Story Hour: Very Good Friends. How a girl is affected by her sister's

death. With Melissa Sue Anderson.

11.30 A Big Country : Film about a

1,300 kilometre Australian gas

pipeline. 11.55 Dick Tracey: car-

12.00 Cloppa Castle: Medieval

puppet story. 12.10 pm Rainbow;

Liz Crowther tells the story of Old

Mother Hubbard, 12,30 About

Britain : Tio Beach, British,

holidaymakers at the West Country

1.00 News. 1,20 Thames News. 1.30

Take the High Road : Scottish

seriai, Will Elizabeth give up the fight to save the estate and return

to a calmer life in Edinburgh?

seaside. (See Personal Choice).

story. Closedown at 10.45. 11.00 Play School: Same as BBC 1,

3.55. Closedown at 11.25.

BBC 2

THAMES

9.00 News: with Richard Baker.
9.25 Sportsnight: Highlights from last night's light-welterweight championship fight between Clinthe world's leading Grand Chess Masters compete for the Master Game Trophy and a first prize of 22,300. Britain is represented by-Tony Miles and Nigel Short. It is Nigel who conight plays Svetozar Gligoric of Yngoslavia, (See Per-

Choice: When the Bough Breaks: 7.00 When the Bough Breaks: Third film in a series of 10 advis-ing parents how to handle soung children. Tonight: why bringing a brand new baby back home is a brand new baby back home is not always the Jovous occasion it. ought to be. 7.15 News, with subtitles for the hard of hearing. 7.30 Riding on Top of the Car: Nostalgic film about transcars, Includes a visit to the Crich Tranway Museum, near Matlock, in Derbyshire. Fortunately, there are still a couple of places where trans are still to be found. They

Include Blackpool and the Isle of Man, This film has already been seen on BBC I, Midjands.

3.00 The Magic of Dance: Serondshowing of Margot Fonteyn's six programmes about the world she dominated for so long Tonight, she surveys the ballet scene from the 1930s to the 1960s. She travels to Shanghol and New York: (See Personal Choice).

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11.50 News Also, weather fore-

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5.55-6.20 pm Regional Magazines.
11.55 Close

9.00 Film: The Graduate (1967). A sensational success when first screened, Mike Nichols's witty comedy has Dustin Hoffman (his degut role) as the college graduate whose first experiences with women (Dustin Hoffman, Katharine Ros.) turn his life upside down. With Anne Bancroft, Katharine Ros. and Paul Simon's The Sound of Silence, 10.45 Newsnight, Ends at 11.35.

don Honeycombe and Jane Rossington, 4.15 Watch It! A Dr Snuggles story, 4.20 Runaround: Mike Reid is MC in this quiz for

4.45 Brendon Chase: Three brothers struggle for survival in a forest. Episode 2. S.15 Gambit: General knowledge quiz, with Fred Dinenage, 5.45 News. 6.00 Thames News. 6.25 Help I The righ and wrong ways of helping disabled people. 6.35 Crossroads: Becky Foster's faux pas.

the running of the plantation. 18.00 News. 10.30 Best Sellers : 11.20 The International Bost Radio 3

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6.30 Today.

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6.00 am News Briefing. 6.55 am Weather. 7.00 News. 7.05 Records: Tallis, S. S. Wesley, Firzi, Chopin, Haydn (Sym 96).† 6.10 Farming Today. 7.30, 8.30 Headlines, 8.45 Bartleby (3).

9.05 Mld-Week. 10.00 News. 10.02 Gardeners' Question Time. 10.30 Daily Service. 10.45 Story: The Ritual Man, by Douglas Raulton. hude, Couperin. Bach.; 10.45 Violin, piano (Gruenberg/ McCabe); McCabe, Rawsthorne, 11.00 News. 11.05 Baker's Dozen.†

12.00 News.
12.02 pm You and Yours.
12.27 Award Wingers: The Hitch-Hiker's Guide to the Galaxy. 1.00 News. 12.55 Weather. 4.00 The World at One. 1.49 The Archers. 2.00 News. 2.02 Woman's Hour.

3.00 News. 3.02 Play: Table Talk, by Peter Johnson. 3.40 An Audio Encyclo-paedia of Personal Knowledge. 4.00 Choral Evensong † 4.45 There Came Both Mist and Wordsworth (1). 4.30 Chamber music : Mozart.

1.55 Weather. 1.50 News. 1.30 What Ho! Jeeves. 1.00 News. 7:30 Six Continents.
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11.30 Songs; Purcell.†
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Sanderling: Gluck, Strauss (Heldenleben.† (See Personal Choice.) 1.65 Pianu (I. Hobson-live from Broadcasting, House); Beethover (op 105).†
2.00 Music Weekly.†
2.50 BBCSO/Boulez: 2.50 BBCSO/Boulez : Boulez (Eclat/Multiples).† 3.25 Mezzo. piano (Baker, Lep-

pard) : Fauré, Debussy, Berkeley, 4.00 Reading. The Prelude, by 4.55 News, 5.00 Mainly for Pleasure.† 50 Gar 7.00 BBC Scottish SO Gardelli, pt 1: Vivaldi, Britten.† (See Personal

27.†
8.45 The Work of Creslaw Milosz.†
9.30 Piano (flelifer): Beethoven
(op. 27 no 1), Brahms (Son 3).†
10.30 Series: Three Problems for
Don Isidro Parodi, by Jorge Luis
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Ray Moore.† 2.03 Ed Stewart.†
4.03 Much More Music.† 6.03 John
Dunn.† 8.02 Listen to the Band.†
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Lisa Goddard as the journalist in Southern Television's Rhett Butler. 3.45 Definition : Brendon Case (ITV, 4.45) Crossword competition, with Gor4.45 Brendon Chase: Three

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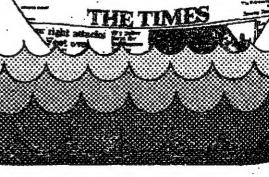
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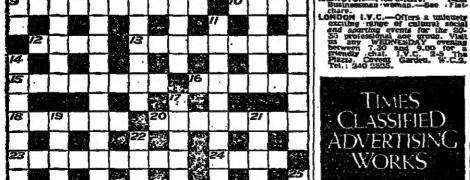
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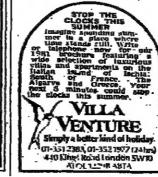
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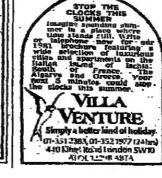
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